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TRUSTEES' MINUTES

Tallahassee, Florida

July 13, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated June 29, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells announced a number of sales were advertised to be held on this date, as follows:

UNION COUNTY—On June 1, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 an acre from Mr. O. M. Shallar for purchase of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, Township 5 South, Range 20 East, containing 80 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$20.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Union County Times on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$20.50 an acre from Mr. S. A. Bryan of Raiford, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$20.50 an acre from Mr. Bryan for the land described.

COLLIER COUNTY—On June 1, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. John Gray for purchase of unsurveyed $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$, $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 48 South, Range 29 East, containing 240 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on June 11, 18, 25,

July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has received a bid of \$12.00 an acre from Mr. Frederick P. Comerford. No other bids were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$12.00 an acre from Mr. Comerford.

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 from Mr. A. B. Michael for purchase of a mangrove island in Indian River in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, lying east of the Intracoastal Waterway, excluding the right of way of Wabasso Beach bridge and causeway, containing 1.87 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Vero Beach Press Journal on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Michael and confirm sale in his favor at \$200.00.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$600.00 from Dr. Bradley Waldron for purchase of certain submerged bottoms in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, comprising 6 acres, more or less, adjoining the southeasterly side of the southern portion of Panama Key, which said key lies westward from Cabbage Key and southward from Shell Key, in the southern part of Boca Ciega Bay. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land to Dr. Waldron at the price offered—\$600.00 for the 6 acres.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of B. D. S. Blagden and Arthur Gwynne, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, comprising 17.2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as re-

quired by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Blagden and Mr. Gwynne at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. V. Morris Smith, Jr., of the law firm of Burket and Burket, on behalf of Mr. Lambert G. Neff, for purchase of 1.42 acres of submerged land in Blackburn Bay, located in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Neff at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On June 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John C. Pinkerton, on behalf of Mr. Paul Davis, for purchase of 1.19 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 35, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Davis at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Mr. Charles F. Clinton, for purchase of 2 acres of bay bottom land in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, commencing at the intersection of the east line of Government Lot 3, Key Vaca, and the northerly right of way line of Old State Highway 4-A as existing February 15, 1954. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land

for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Clinton at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 18, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Allan B. Cleare, Jr., on behalf of Mr. Max Cohen, for purchase of 0.36 of an acre of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, south of and adjoining Tract 16 in the City of Key West, Township 68 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 11, 18, 25, July 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by Mr. Joseph Y. Porter, on behalf of the City of Key West; that this parcel is in the same locality as other land sold by the Trustees near the beach of the City of Key West, and protest was filed by the city but later withdrawn; that he recommends confirmation of the sale in favor of Mr. Cohen but withholding delivery of deed for thirty (30) days in order that the city may bring suit if it so desires.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to allow the protest and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cohen at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre—but that delivery of deed be withheld for thirty days as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells presented three applications from Mr. George P. Gruger, on behalf of Bellvue Salvage Company, Inc., for salvage permits to search for buried treasure:

Offer of \$100.00 for one-year non-exclusive permit to search in Choctawhatchee Bay adjacent to Okaloosa and Walton Counties, with exclusive lease on one (1) acre which lies in Section 16, Township 1 South, Range 20 West;

\$100.00 for one-year non-exclusive permit in Perdido Bay adjacent to Escambia County, with exclusive permit on one (1) acre in Section 13, Township 2 South, Range 31 West; and

\$100.00 for one-year non-exclusive permit in North Bay adjacent to Bay County and upon discovery application will be made for exclusive permit on a designated one-acre parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permits as applied for by Bellvue Salvage Company.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland property:

MARTIN COUNTY—Seymour Gideon offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 1 acre of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, Jensen Beach;

DUVAL COUNTY—J. H. Coppedge offers \$250.00 for approximately 1.2 acres of submerged land adjoining his upland property in front of Lots 6 and 8, Granada, Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 26 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Robert C. Strief offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.5 acres of submerged land in Whitcomb Bayou, offshore from his property in Section 14, Township 27 South, Range 15 East;

PALM BEACH COUNTY—Norman S. Schmid, on behalf of William J. Hoysgaard and Carl W. Hoysgaard, applies for 2.3 acres of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Mr. Wells recommends a price of \$300.00 an acre;

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. M. Lewis Hall, on behalf of Alonzo Cothron, offers \$100.00 an acre for 7.8 acres of submerged land in Lower Matecumbe Key, Sections 20 and 21, Township 64 South, Range 36 East;

MONROE COUNTY—Mr. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of John W. Walz, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.39 of an acre of bay bottom land adjoining his upland property in Tiptons Subdivision of Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

DADE COUNTY—Mr. Joe Kelleher offers \$200.00 an acre for 26.71 acres of submerged land in Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 41 East;

COLLIER COUNTY—Mr. William L. Clarke, Jr., offers \$200.00 an acre for 4 acres of tidal or sovereignty land lying between the north 440 feet of Government Lots 1 and 3 of Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East;

COLLIER COUNTY—Mr. David C. Jones, Jr., offers \$200.00 an acre for sovereignty land lying in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, situated between the South 880 feet of Government Lots 1 and 3;

FRANKLIN COUNTY—Miss Kathryn Gregory, on behalf of Lanark By The Sea, Inc., Thomas A. Yancey and Sally Y. Belknap, offers \$100.00 an acre for submerged land ad-

joining their upland property in Sections 7, 12 and 13, Township 7 South, Range 4 West;

MARTIN COUNTY—Mr. William A. Oughterson, on behalf of Mrs. Grace S. Weir, offers \$10.00 for a twenty (20) foot strip of land bayward of the right of way of new State Road No. 707, Section 19, Township 40 South, Range 43 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on the offers submitted.

Mr. Madison F. Pacetti, on behalf of client, offers \$15.00 an acre for Section 3, Township 45 South, Range 41 East, less the north 224.04 acres thereof, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Mr. Edward F. Butler, on behalf of Mr. Charles L. Yuille, makes application for a permit to pump sand from Lower Matecumbe Key adjoining his upland property in Section 20, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorized two-year lease in favor of Mr. Yuille upon the usual terms and conditions for such material.

Mr. Wells reported that the upland owners on Little Sarasota Bay, Sarasota County, have secured deeds to submerged property adjacent to their upland property with the restriction that the bay shall never be filled. They request that the Trustees take formal action that there will be no disposition of the submerged land adjacent to street ends except with the condition that the submerged lands adjoining said street ends shall not be filled.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida conveyed to adjacent property owners a continuous area, excepting street ends, of submerged lands in Little Sarasota Bay for the purpose of perpetuating forever an open unfilled bay, said property owners stipulating among themselves that they would never fill in said bay bottoms and consenting to and receiving from the said Trustees deeds with reverters therein in the event such area or any of the areas were ever filled, and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain an open bay as desired it would be necessary to likewise prevent the future filling

in of said street ends, except in the event it is later determined by the constituted authorities that a causeway is needed for the public good to join the mainland to Casey Key through said area, and for no other purpose.

THEREFORE, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida in open session do resolve that it is for the best interest of the State of Florida to keep the said bay in its natural state and do further resolve that no submerged lands opposite or adjacent to said street ends be deeded to the County of Sarasota or to anyone without a restriction in said deeds that the same shall never be filled in but must be kept open for the general use of the public for bathing, fishing and boating, if desired.

The area in question is described as follows:

"All submerged bottoms West of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 1, Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 18 East."

Mr. Elliot reported that Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Company, Inc., of Jacksonville, Florida, recently made application to the Department of the Army, U. S. Engineers, Jacksonville, for permit to dredge material from the westerly shore of St. Johns River, in front of a portion of Block 4, Sand Fly Point, Jacksonville, upstream from the mouth of Trout River, and to deposit part of the dredged material on submerged flats in the river adjoining their upland. Applicants offer \$200.00 for the material. The Trustees protested the granting of said permit until applicants made the necessary arrangements, either to purchase the land at a suggested price of \$700.00, the equivalent of the cost of material required for making the land at the ruling rate, or purchase the material to be dredged at \$200.00 with no conveyance or issuance of deed to the made land by the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees withdraw protest to issuance of War Department permit upon payment of \$200.00 for fill material, but decline to issue deed covering the made land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as its action. It was so ordered.

Financial statements for the month of June, 1954, as as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1954	\$333,357.34
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	59,080.58
Quitclaim Deeds	70.00
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds	12,500.00
Grazing Leases	447.90
Mineral Leases	307.25
Sand, Shell and Gravel Leases	11,421.00

Oil and Gas Leases	3,560.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	281.00	
Timber Leases	416.00	
Campsite Leases	225.00	
Farm Leases	8,843.08	
Total Receipts for the Month	97,151.81	97,151.81
GRAND TOTAL		430,509.15
Less Disbursements for the Month		197,775.89
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1954		\$232,733.26

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
6-3-54	325238	Frank H. Marks, CCC	\$ 7.88
6-9-54	329642	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State School Fund	11,526.66
	329643	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Board Conservation	11,127.68
	331138	F. Bendel and Marion E. Tracy	150.00
	331139	Eleanor T. Cochran and Ann and	
		Blendy Tracy	150.00
6-16-54	339097	Southeastern Telephone Co.	75.05
	339098	Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.69
	339099	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	21.50
	339100	Wyatt's Business Machines	3.50
	339101	Dell Hartt Typewriter Co.	19.50
	339102	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	406.82
6-25-54	345875	G. P. Bradford	16.70
6-24-54	347016	C. C. Land & Boncyle Land, J. A.	
		and Winnie D. Schuler	6,673.30
6-30-54	356645	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.95
	356646	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	47.90
	356647	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	6.00
	356648	Stuart Daily Times	3.85
	356649	Okeechobee News	29.90
	356650	The Clearwater Sun	27.60
	356651	International Business Machines Corp	370.00
	304027	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	304028	A. R. Williams	420.65
	304029	A. C. Bridges	346.63
	304030	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	304031	J. B. Linn	349.25
	304032	M. O. Barco	361.72
	304033	J. L. Dedge	333.50
	304034	B. G. Shelfer	236.58
	304035	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	304036	C. M. Greene	47.50
	304037	R. N. Landers	26.13
	304038	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	304039	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
	304040	5% Retirement Fund	175.12
	304041	Federal Tax	442.40

358490	Liberty County Commissioners	16,008.89
358489	Capital City National Bank	147,190.81
Total Disbursements for Month of June, 1954		\$197,775.89

U.S.G.S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1954	\$ 1,962.08
Receipts	0.00

Disbursements:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
6-16-54	339103	Treasurer U. S. A.	1,962.08
Balance as of June 30, 1954			0.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

6 -1-54	\$ 1,940.80
6-17-54	15,242.85
6-30-54	2,486.60
Total Receipts for the Month of June, 1954	19,670.25

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
6-30-54	300329	E. Hewitt	\$ 348.75
	300330	M. C. Pichard	259.07
	300331	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	300332	5% Retirement Fund	20.54
	300333	Federal Tax	66.40
Total Disbursements for the Month of June, 1954			\$702.51

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot reported that since the Murphy Act records in the office of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund reflect complete information relating to each such transaction, beginning this date it shall not be necessary to continue listing quitclaim deeds issued affecting road rights of way approved for release by the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration Report No. 572 listing 13 regular bids received for sale of land under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937; also listing 9 requests for quitclaim deeds covering part or all of the right of way for state roads reserved in Murphy Act deeds, release of which has been approved by the State Road Department. Copy of each quitclaim deed is attached to copy of original deed out of which release is made.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execu-

tion of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules, and that quitclaim deeds releasing state road right of way, as approved by the State Road Department, be authorized for execution.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Volusia County that the Trustees convey Lots 46 and 52, Block 21, Beardsley's DeLeon Springs. It was explained that these lots were included in a suit filed by the county to quiet title and upon completion of the suit the lots were sold into private ownership. In order to perfect title to the county's grantee, the county offers \$5.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of Lots 46 and 52 to Volusia County upon payment of \$10.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

C. M. GAY
Comptroller-Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
July 20, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated July 13, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for submerged lands adjoining upland property of each applicant:

SARASOTA COUNTY—Mr. John F. Burket, on behalf of clients, offers \$200.00 an acre for 23.21 acres of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. John C. Polhill, on behalf of Sarah B. Woodring, offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.32 acres of submerged land adjoining her upland property in Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. J. Warren Bowan, on behalf of client, applies to purchase approximately 25 acres of submerged land in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East. A price of \$200.00 an acre is recommended for sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the three parcels of land for objections only at the prices offered and recommended, it being understood that applicants are the adjoining upland owners.

ORANGE COUNTY—Mr. Robert W. Olsen, on behalf of Mr. Charles L. Cain, makes application for the purchase of 0.15 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land adjoining his upland property, Mainland Section, Nela Isle, Lake Conway, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Mr. Cain of the parcel applied for at a price of \$300.00 an acre, without advertisement.

POLK COUNTY—Mr. Dan F. Wear makes application for two (2) leases, one covering phosphate minerals and one to mine so-called heavy minerals such as ilmenite, rutile, zircon, monazite, and other titanium minerals, in certain waters and water bottoms from the ordinary high water mark lakeward of Lake Hancock, Lake Pierce and Lake Weohyakapka, and lying in Townships 28 and 29 South, Range 25 East, and Township 29 South, Range 24 East. Payment for said leases will be at the usual rate.

Action
rescinded
Aug. 3, 1954

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the leases for objections only.

JEFFERSON COUNTY—Mr. W. W. Shealey makes application for one-year extension on his Timber Lease No. 603, covering land in Township 3 North, Range 6 East, and Township 2 North, Ranges 3 and 4 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 603 in favor of Mr. Shealey under the same terms and conditions as the present lease.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of Mr. Wilbur C. Willis, makes application to purchase a small parcel of land in the Halifax River, about one mile South of Port Orange bridge and west of Half Dollar Island, being in Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, containing 3 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre.

COLLIER COUNTY—Mr. John Gray makes an offer of \$10.00 an acre for the unsurveyed NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 31, Township 48 South, Range 29 East, 440 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for conveyance by fee simple deed of lake bottom land in unsurveyed Sections 26 and 27, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing approximately 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres. Said parcel is located at the junction of North New River and Hillsboroughs Canals, and is the site of the pumping stations at North New River and Hillsborough Canals, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District of the parcel applied for, to be used as a pumping station site.

Request was presented from the U. S. Engineer Office, Mobile, Alabama, for permit from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in favor of the United States to remove hydraulic fill material from Santa Rosa Sound, for use at Eglin Air Force Base, Auxiliary Field No. 9.

Mr. Elliot explained that the material will be removed from submerged bottoms located approximately three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of a mile west of the settlement of Mary Esther and extending westward approximately two (2) miles, lying southward of the channel of the Intracoastal Waterway and northward three hundred (300) feet from the north shore line at ordinary high tide of Santa Rosa Island, in Okaloosa County, Florida; that the permit will be for a period of one (1) year from July 20, 1954, will call for removing approximately 750,000 cubic yards of material, and will be subject to the usual conditions applicable to permits of this kind.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit as requested by the United States for taking fill material as outlined by Mr. Elliot.

Dr. W. H. Walker, Chairman of Inter-American Center Authority, accompanied by other members and interested persons, appeared before the Budget Commission to request an allotment of funds from the emergency appropriation, or from some other source. The requested funds were to enable the Authority to do the preliminary work necessary to the preparation of a prospectus covering a plan for securing private financing of the cost for development of the Center.

Dr. Walker introduced the following members of the Authority and interested guests:

Dr. Walter I. Beam, Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. George Ross, Executive Director.

Mr. P. J. Serralles, Member, President Pan American Bank.

Mr. Hayden Burns, Member, Mayor of Jacksonville, Florida.

Honorable Fuller Warren, former Governor of Florida.

Mr. Harry McDonald, former Administrator Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and Member of Securities Exchange Commission.

Mr. Charles Eastman, Representative, Ebasco Services.

After all parties had been heard, a discussion followed in which the Cabinet members expressed their interest in the subject.

Governor Johns also expressed his interest and desire to help the Authority and asked the Attorney General his opinion as to the legality of releasing the money from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he didn't think this action would be contrary to the authority under the law or contrary to previous actions; that he disliked seeing this money released direct to the Inter-American Center Authority. He suggested the State Board of Administration consisting of the Governor, the Comptroller and Treasurer, act as fiscal agents for the Authority. He added that he was willing to vote in favor of the release from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund and approve legality of the actions, provided the funds were released to the Board of Administration as he felt some money for preliminary work could be saved if handled in that way.

A discussion among the members of the Trustees followed and they agreed to make available \$150,000 as requested.

Upon inquiry as to repayment of the \$150,000, Dr. Walker stated that the loan would be repaid, and he could see no reason why interest on said loan could not be paid to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Commissioner Mayo, and unanimously adopted, authorizing allotment and release of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund (Chapter 610—Trust) for transfer to the Board of Administration, as fiscal agent of the Inter-American Center Authority, for preliminary work necessary to the preparation of a prospectus plan for private financing for the development of the Authority.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees May 18, 1954, granting permission for him to assist Leon County Commissioners in a proposed project in Lake Miccosukee, located partly in Leon and partly in Jefferson Counties, he has done considerable work; that borings have been made and that formation on which the proposed dam will rest is soft mud and it is doubtful whether or not the dam would stand up on such foundation; that he has recommended to the County Commissioners that they not under-

take building the dam until they have thrown up a conical shaped mound over the critical area and if it holds up it could be used as a part of the permanent dam, but if it fails to stand, that would be the end of it. Mr. Elliot displayed maps showing the outline of the lake, which comprises 5700 acres; the sink is 500 feet in diameter and is 26 feet below the bottom of the lake. The channel extends from the land inward to the sink. It is estimated that the cost of the dam will run not less than \$40,000.00 if it can be built at all; that he would not recommend the expenditure of that amount when the remedy will not be effective all the time.

The report was approved and accepted.

Mr. J. L. McCord appeared before the Trustees on behalf of Gulf Oil Corporation and made verbal application for an extension of time on all those leases held by Gulf Oil Corporation, being Nos. 658, 826-A through 826-ZX, and 826-AA and 826-BB. Gulf proposes to drill one (1) well within one (1) year from this date—July 20, 1954—to a depth of 12,000 feet, or into Sunniland formation if encountered at less depth, upon a site to be selected by Gulf; also, in addition to yearly rental Gulf agrees to pay \$500.00 on each of said leases. All other terms and conditions of said leases to remain in full force and effect.

Request
withdrawn.
See Minutes
Oct. 5, 1954

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Gulf Oil Corporation for extension of leases enumerated under conditions outlined, subject to a resolution being prepared by Mr. Elliot for final adoption by the Trustees outlining in detail the conditions on which extensions will be granted.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action taken June 1, 1954, there have been purchased and deposited with the State Treasurer bonds in the principal sum of \$300,000.00, numbered as follows:

BROWARD COUNTY, FISIC Revenue Bonds Par Value
\$1000.00

Nos. 2602 and 2661 to 2803, inclusive—144 bonds
Dated November 1, 1953—Due November 1, 1977 (1)
Interest rate 3.30% and November 1, 1978 (143)
Purchase price—\$147,190.81

LIBERTY COUNTY—Jail Revenue Bonds, Par Value
\$1000.00

Nos. 5 to 8, inclusive, Due January 1, 1956
Nos. 9 to 13, inclusive, Due January 1, 1957
Nos. 14 to 18, inclusive, Due January 1, 1958
Nos. 19 & 20, Due January 1, 1959—16 Bonds
Dated January 1, 1954—4% Interest Rate
Purchase Price—\$16,008.89

UNITED STATES TREASURY BONDS—2½ % Interest
rate Nos. 100174D, 341363C, 17167H/69K, 341376F,

336921A, 109645E, 33497H, 330072B, 155171A, 187746F,
336872B, Par Value \$10,000; No. 31686F, Par Value \$5,000
—14 Bonds

Dated November 15, 1945—Due December 15, 1972
Purchase Price—\$136,082.13

The report was accepted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 573 listing 29 regular bids received for sale of lands under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Marion and Pasco Counties, the Attorney General's office having recommended that such action be taken as the certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
July 27, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported a number of land sales were advertised to be held today as follows:

DADE COUNTY—On June 8, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. H. G. Lofton for purchase of all those

lots, blocks and/or tracts owned by the Trustees in Royal Palm Heights Subdivision and in Royal Palm Heights First Addition, and in the Resubdivision of a part of Royal Palm Heights and a part of Royal Palm Heights First Addition, all in Section 3, Township 58 South, Range 38 East, containing 63.72 acres, more or less, exclusive 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and competitive bids, starting at \$250.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$325.00 an acre being made by Mr. Allen B. Kessler, as trustee.

Mr. Wells stated that the land will be sold subject to Farm Lease No. 820, which expires September 18, 1956, and rental payments for said lease will be paid to the purchaser after September 18, 1954.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$325.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kessler, as trustee.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 8, 1954, The Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Frank Y. Ridgely for purchase of a small Mangrove Key, locally known as "Jackass Key," in the unsurveyed part of Section 29, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 2.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the key for competitive bids starting at \$300.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he had received a bid of \$360.00 per acre from Sylvan Zemel and the bidding will start at that figure. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) an acre being made by Mr. Joe Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$3000.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kelleher.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On June 15, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 per lot from Mr. B. H. Moon for purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Block 250, and Lots 10 and 11, Block 251, in First Addition to Okeechobee City, a subdivision in Sections 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$25.00 per lot, and notice of the sale was published in The Okeechobee News on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and \$25.00 per lot was the only offer made for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Edwin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$25.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Moon.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On June 8, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. Evert Nolton for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Stevenson Creek, Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, lying northerly of and adjacent to the southeasterly 10.74 feet of Lot 16, and all of Lot 17, Block "E" of Avondale subdivision, containing 0.1 of an acre, more or less, adjoining upland property of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Nolton at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees renew for another year—from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955—cooperative agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey, Trustees and local interests to provide \$5,250.00 each and the Federal Government to match the total—\$10,500.00.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On June 15, 1954, The Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of Edward A. Straka, et ux, for a parcel of submerged land in Blind Pass in Section 32, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, lying west of and adjacent to Lots 18 and 20 and N½ of lot 22 of Stevens Subdivision, containing 0.069 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Edward A. Straka, et ux.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On June 8, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Francis E. Love, on behalf of Mr. Sam Vournas and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged, semi-submerged and filled land in Lake Worth, in Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying east of and adjacent to the South 200 feet of the North 1065.85 feet of Government Lot 1 of said Section 15, containing 4.76 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to

advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Vournas at the price offered—\$240.00 an acre.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY—On June 8, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Edward O. Denison, on behalf of Mr. R. N. Koblegard, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River in Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, lying adjacent to and southwesterly of Government Lot 3 of said Section 1, containing 14.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the News Tribune, Fort Pierce, Florida, on June 25, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that a telegram has been received from Mr. Charles B. McAdam, advising that written protest is being mailed; however, the protest has not been received.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on the sale until next week in order that Mr. McAdam's protest may be considered.

Application was presented from Mr. Carol Dunscombe and Mr. W. A. Scott for lease to explore for heavy minerals from an area in Indian River in Township 37 South, Range 41 East, and Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of applicants under the usual terms and conditions, with requirement for construction of a \$15,000.00 processing plant.

Mr. Wells presented the following offers for land in Okeechobee County:

Mr. Elton Yates—Offer of \$25.00 an acre for a parcel of land 50 x 165 feet in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;

Mr. Wilbur Hazellief—Offer of \$20.00 for Lot 4, Block 3, Royal Oak Addition, located in Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels for competitive bids starting with the offers submitted.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of Mr. Campbell A. Brown, applies for 0.92 of an acre of Marshlands lying easterly from the South 100 feet of the north 230 feet of the east 150 feet of Lot 22, Mendell's Subdivision, City of Edgewater, Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. Recommended price, \$100.00 an acre;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. James A. Pruitt, Jr., applies for 20.10 acres of land adjoining his upland property in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, for which he offers \$150.00 an acre;

BREVARD COUNTY—Mr. W. Lansing Gleason, on behalf of Mr. L. M. Crowder, offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.43 acres, more or less, of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 37 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Frank Dansereau applies to purchase 6.3 acres of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 33, Township 30 South, Range 15 East. Recommended price of \$100.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. Thomas C. Simpson offers \$200.00 an acre for the purchase of 2 acres of submerged land in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, adjacent to property owned by his clients, Mr. John M. Dach and Gladys A. Dach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the several parcels described for objections only, based on the prices offered and recommended.

Mr. W. H. Brundydge makes application for two-year extension on his Sand Lease No. 662, from August 31, 1954, under the same terms and conditions as the present lease. The lease covers that portion of the Ochlockonee River lying adjacent to and touching the SE¼ of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, located in Leon and Gadsden Counties, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year extension of Lease No. 662 as requested.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that the first royalty payment of \$843.00 has been received from oil produced on land owned by the Trustees under lease to Gulf Oil Corporation, the well being designated Gulf Oil Corporation-State of Florida Well No. 1, located in Section 18, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County.

Mr. Elliot submitted letter from Attorney General Ervin dated July 23rd with reference to action taken by the Cabinet Board July 20, 1954, acting as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, granting \$150,000.00 to aid the Inter-American Center Authority in preliminary planning for issuance of revenue bonds to finance the works of the Authority. In said letter from the Attorney General he stated as follows:

"Inasmuch as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund indicated it desired that the amount granted be considered as an advance, it was agreed that the Inter-American Center Authority would return the same to the Trustees from the proceeds derived from the sale of the revenue bonds. Section 215.18, Florida Statutes, read in connection with the provisions of Chapter 554, and with the Governor and the Comptroller approving, appears to authorize such an arrangement.

"The Trustees stipulated that the State Board of Administration should act as fiscal agent for the Inter-American Center Authority as a condition to the grant . . .

"To recapitulate it is my opinion that said actions taken by said state agencies are valid and in accordance with law and that said grant of internal improvement funds may be made in the manner aforesaid."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees make transfer at this time to the State Board of Administration of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), with the remainder to be made available as needed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that salaries of Trustees' personnel be increased in line with action of the Budget Commission, it being understood that no salary over \$9,950.00 annually be increased.

Salary increases are shown in list of salaries and bills entered below.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees June 29, 1954, referring to Governor Johns and Mr. Elliot employing two persons to assist in making a survey of the mineral interests held by the Trustees, Mr. Elliot reported that the Governor has employed Mr. Wayne Howell at a salary of \$400.00, his services starting July 15, 1954.

The report was approved and so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Erwin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliott, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	416.66

M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
Wayne Howell, Clerical Assistant	219.35
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	14,987.05
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board Conservation	9,814.30
Capital City National Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	
United States Treasury Bonds	136,082.13
H. D. Perry, Hollywood, Florida	
Refund—Deed No. 20261	1,000.00
S. A. Bryan and Lucile Bryan, Raiford, Fla.	
Refund—Deed No. 20700	10.00
Nathan Zemel, Newark, N. J.	
Refund—Deed No. 20691	25.04
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses	6.46
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee Fla.	86.10
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	7.35
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	4.75
E. Leo Andrews, CCC Walton Co.—Recording Fee	1.65
Cecil L. Anchors, CCC Okaloosa Co.—Recording Fee	1.60
Ben H. Pooley, CCC Santa Rosa Co.—Recording Fee	1.70
G. P. Bradford, CCC Franklin Co., Recording Fee	1.25
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	35.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	12.95
E. B. Leatherman, CCC, Dade Co.—Recording Fee	1.80
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.	1.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
Royal Typewriter Co., Inc., Atlanta, Ga.	354.00
International Business Machines Corp., Tallahassee, Fla.	370.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.95
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	47.90
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County—	
Recording Fees	6.00
Stuart Daily News, Inc., Stuart, Fla.	3.85
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.	29.90
The Clearwater Sun, Clearwater, Fla.	27.60
Board of County Commissioners, Liberty County,	
Liberty County Jail Bonds	16,008.89
Capital City National Bank, Tallahassee, Fla.	
FSIC, Broward County Revenue Bonds	147,190.81
TOTAL	\$330,356.76

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 574 listing eleven (11)

regular bids and nineteen (19) applications for quitclaim deeds releasing state road right of way in original deeds, and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of Broward County Deed No. 2975-Corrective to W. E. Walsh, E. P. Ellis and Fred Ingley, Jr., as surviving directors and trustees of Ocean Heights Land Co., a dissolved corporation, for the purpose of correcting name of grantee in original deed No. 2975 dated June 24, 1946.

Mr. Kenneth Ballinger came before the Trustees and requested reconsideration of action taken June 16, 1953, declining bids listed on Okeechobee County Report No. 115, sale of March 3, 1952, involving 1422 lots in Okeechobee Heights, Section 6, Township 36 South, Range 34 East; that the Clerk of the Circuit Court, as agent for the Trustees, and the County Judge stated to him that Athleon Alderman had made the highest bid of \$1.25 per lot at the sale but the bid was declined by the Trustees; that he, the Clerk of the Court, is still holding approximately \$1770.00 as the high bid for these lots, and requests that the Trustees now approve the sale of March 1952 on the basis of \$1.25 per lot.

Mr. Elliot submitted bidding report No. 115 which listed the bids as \$1.25 for a number of lots ranging from one lot to as high as 50 lots, averaging about five cents (5c) per lot; that the sale was held March 3, 1952, and not reported to the Trustees till April 17, 1953; that correspondence between the offices followed and the Clerk was formally notified June 17, 1953, that the Trustees rejected all bids on report No. 115.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to approve Report No. 115, sale of March 3, 1952, upon receipt of a certificate from the Clerk of the Circuit Court stating that the sale of Murphy Act land conducted by him March 3, 1952 as agent for the Trustees was carried out in accordance with law after notice duly published; that the bids reported opposite each group of lots in each block were intended to apply to each lot in said group and not to all the lots in said group, or in each block taken together; that the report was intended to reflect a bid of \$1.25 on each lot.

Mr. Elliot was requested to prepare form of certificate for execution by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County for giving the necessary information in connection with the said sale.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees clarify and confirm the meaning of the term "As to Lands in Tracts or Composite Tracts aggregating 10 acres or more," affecting oil and mineral reservations appearing in Murphy Act deeds. It was explained that the Trustees have heretofore construed the meaning to be lots, blocks, or parcels contiguous to each, or single tracts not exceeding one (1) acre, and not separated by streets, alleys, or other spaces; that the question

has been raised in a case where streets separate two parcels of land in an old subdivision which was conveyed into private ownership, and the interested parties are asking that the Trustees clarify the meaning of said term.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the matter be referred to Mr. Elliot and the Attorney General to work out.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the City of Tampa that the Trustees allow the city to take over a drainage ditch easement held by the State Road Department from the Trustees, covering certain lots within the city limits of Tampa. It was explained that the State Road Department is agreeable to having the easement assigned to the city.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the State of Florida holding title under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937, to the land hereinafter described, and said State through the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund having conveyed by instrument dated December, 1947 to the State Road Department right of way easement for drainage purposes in, over and across Lots 22, 27, 70 and 123 of Midwest Subdivision, and

WHEREAS the land above described was not within the corporate limits of a municipality at the time that said instrument was executed, but the said land has since been included within the corporate limits of the City of Tampa and said city is charged with the duty and responsibility of care, repair, maintenance and control of public streets, alleys and ditches within the corporate limits of said city and thereby the State Road Department is relieved of responsibility with respect to the drainage ditch for which easement was granted to said department, and

WHEREAS the City of Tampa has made application to the said Road Department to take over said easement and assume all responsibility therefor;

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the State Road Department be and it is hereby authorized to assign and convey to the City of Tampa, Florida, all of its right, title and interest in that said instrument first above described to the City of Tampa in Hillsborough County, Florida, for the use and benefit of said city, and when so assigned and delivered to it, the said

city shall be possessed of all the rights and interest in the land covered by said easement as to said lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24
Total	<u>\$733.73</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August, 3, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated July 27, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Treasurer Larson, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property:

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Wilbur C. Stone, on behalf of Stephen S. Girard and Louise E. Girard, offers \$200.00 an acre for

8.29 acres of submerged land adjoining upland property in Sections 4 and 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East;

PALM BEACH COUNTY—Mr. Ralph J. Blank, Jr., on behalf of himself and Merry Blank, his wife, offer \$500.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land adjoining their upland property in Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 43 East;

BROWARD COUNTY—Mr. William Gundlach, on behalf of Mrs. Catherine H. Hennessey, applied to purchase a parcel of land in New River, located in Section 11, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, containing 0.23 of an acre. Mr. Wells recommended that a price be fixed at \$100.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the three (3) parcels for objections only, based on the offers made by applicants and recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees cancel the following sales for the reason that the highest bidders on date of sale have not made good the bids offered although they have been reminded several times:

Mr. I. J. Denmark, successful bidder—\$175.00 an acre—
at sale June 2, 1953, for purchase of Tract 23, Block 11,
Palm Beach Farms, Section 17, Township 48 South, Range
42 East, Broward County;

Mr. J. H. Anderson, successful bidder—\$32.25 an acre—
at sale of July 7, 1953, for purchase of 126.44 acres of land
described as Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Township 9 South,
Range 14 East, Gilchrist County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the Land Agent to cancel the two sales reported for the reasons stated.

Mr. David W. Foerster, on behalf of Robert O. Foerster Lumber Company, Inc., Jacksonville, Florida, makes application for five (5) year lease to secure and cut standing cedar timber on state lands in Citrus and Levy Counties, for which he offers \$8.00 per cord; also lease to cover right to remove on the ground stumps, logs and brush, previously felled, for which he offers fifty cents (50c) per cord.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, and seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize five-year lease for taking standing and down cedar timber as applied for by Mr. Foerster.

Mr. J. H. Holloway, on behalf of Lykes Bros., Inc., makes application for one-year extension on Grazing Lease No. 109, which expires August 24, 1954, covering 174.53 acres of land in Sections 27

and 34, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County. Rental for said lease is at the rate of seventy-four cents (74¢) per acre per annum.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one-year extension of Lease No. 109 under the same terms and conditions.

On July 20, 1954, the Trustees authorized advertised for objections only leases covering exploration for phosphate and heavy minerals in the waters of Lakes Hancock, Pearce and Weohyakapka, based on application from Mr. Dan F. Wear.

Mr. Wells reported that subsequent to publication of the notice to lease, the County Commissioners of Polk County adopted a resolution protesting the leasing of any lake bottoms in Polk County for exploration purposes, and that he was recommending that the notice for advertisement be recalled and the action of July 29 on the subject be rescinded.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken July 20, 1954, authorizing advertisement for leases covering mining of phosphate and heavy minerals in the lakes named, and that notice sent to newspapers for publication be recalled and cancelled. It was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. T. H. Teasley, of the law firm of Padgett & Teasley, Miami, Florida, on the subject of release of oil and mineral reservations retained by the Trustees in Murphy Act land and Internal Improvement Fund land, and the possibility of having an act passed by the next Legislature to simplify the procedure in securing release of such reservations.

Mr. Elliot stated that there are four matters which he desires to bring to the attention of the Trustees, as follows:

1. RELEASE OF OIL AND MINERAL RIGHTS.

Mr. Elliot explained that the method now being used by the Trustees is the most direct and simple plan that could be used; that if the applicant will transmit the information outlined on pamphlets furnished by the Trustees there will be very little delay in granting releases of oil and mineral rights; that under this plan records are kept of the entire transaction as to both types of land; that it is doubtful whether or not an adequate record could be kept if the legislative act automatically releases the reservation upon erection of a building on the land, and very probably increasing confusion would result as time passed. Mr. Elliot recommended that the method now in effect of handling these releases be continued.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees.

2. MINING OF PHOSPHATE AND OTHER MINERALS IN LAKES, TITLE TO THE BOTTOMS OF WHICH IS IN THE STATE. THESE ARE MEANDERED LAKES ONLY.

It is recommended that before applications are accepted, and before advertisements in newspapers are inserted, letters be directed to the Boards of County Commissioners of the several counties asking the attitude of the boards toward mining of phosphate and other minerals and conducting geophysical investigations in the nature of seismic operations, and whether or not there would be objections to leasing the bottoms of said lakes for those purposes; also that inquiry be made of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission as to the probable effect of operations on the lakes of the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of Mr. Elliot and directed that such policy be followed in the future.

3. MINING OF OYSTER SHELL IN THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

It is recommended that in the granting of new leases for the taking of oyster shell from the waters of the state, the Director of Conservation of the State Board of Conservation be requested to indicate to the Trustees the locations of any live oyster beds within the areas of such leases and also what effect the mining of dead shell will have upon fishing and nearby oyster beds through disturbing the bottoms, deflecting currents, or causing damage through depositing silt or mud on live bars or damaging fishing in nearby waters.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board.

4. TRUSTEES' RECLAMATION PROJECTS 3 AND 4 IN EVERGLADES DRAINAGE DISTRICT.

The field examinations and reports on both of these projects have been completed more than a year ago. Reclamation Project No. 3 covers approximately 5760 acres and Project No. 4 about 3500 acres. Study of the data procured in the field and preparation of plans and estimates were postponed pending completion of plans of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for the primary drainage and flood control works, and of Everglades Drainage District for the secondary works, which would affect the Trustees' projects. The plans of the two districts have now been completed to such extent as will permit plans of the Trustees' projects to be developed so as to take full advantage of the districts' works and to harmonize the Trustees' plans with those of the districts. This kind of work requires close study and orderly procedure in developing plans, estimates and drawings to completion. Piece-meal treatment from time to time is not satisfactory.

At present, and for more than a year, the work of the Engineer's office of the Trustees has been devoted to the extent of more than seventy-five (75) percent of its time toward assisting the Land Department in the Office of the Commissioner of Agriculture. The work for the Land Department covers processing land transactions from receipt of application to execution of deed or lease.

In order to complete the work on Trustees' projects 3 and 4 it will be necessary for a time to discontinue the work being done for the Land Department. Pending transactions will be completed. After those are completed it might be well for the Trustees to discontinue accepting new applications, or limit the same to the kind which the Land Department can handle without assistance from the Engineers' office.

Mr. Larson asked if the reclamation and draining work was not primarily the type of work Mr. Elliot was supposed to do and the other incidental thereto, the land work having been assigned about a year ago. Mr. Elliot replied that that was correct.

Attorney General Ervin asked if these reclamation projects had any connection with the J. Ray Arnold application; that he as one member was definitely opposed to going into that lease and would like to have full consideration before anything further was done.

Mr. Larson stated that his understanding was that each individual case would be presented to the Trustees before any action is taken, and that he could see no objections to the plan.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson that the recommendation be approved, conditioned that the work as outlined be submitted to the Trustees in reports and that such action carries with it no implied approval of any application or project, but that each case be resubmitted to the Trustees. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gay and upon vote adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report 575 listing 34 regular bids on lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees approved the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

The City of Sebring, Florida, submitted offer of \$5.00 per lot for Lots 25, 26, 27 and 28, Block 11, Lakewood Terrace, located in Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 28 East, Highlands County. The offer is equal to base bid at regular sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$5.00 per lot from the City of Sebring and authorize deed issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 10, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated August 3, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported five (5) sales advertised to be held on this date as follows:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On June 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Paul Bock, on behalf of Orlando Farming Corporation, for purchase of All Fractional Section 2, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 99.20 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with starting offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in The DeLand Sun on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that Mr. M. L. Neilson of DeLand, Florida, called him just before the meeting and protested the sale on the ground that he is the owner of DeCastro Grant in Volusia County and is of the opinion that the land advertised is within said grant. Mr. Wells stated that he is satisfied from examination of the records that the lands are outside of said grant, but that deed will not be issued until it is definitely established that Mr. Neilson does not own the land.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$27.00 an acre being offered by Mr. H. E. Corry of Quincy, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$27.00 an acre from Mr. Corry.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On June 29, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. George W. Wylie, on behalf of Stephen J. Marks, et ux., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East,

lying South of and across Beach Parkway from Lots 28, 29 and 30 of Harbor View No. 3, containing 2.22 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Marks at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On June 1, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of Mr. Larry F. Gardner, for purchase of 0.77 of an acre of submerged land in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, located on Dona Bay adjoining a reserved tract in Block 2, Plat of Nokomis, Florida. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gardner at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On June 29, 1954, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Dick Lee, County Attorney, on behalf of Sarasota County, for conveyance to the county of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 9, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, less road right of way 80 feet wide, containing 5.28 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Sarasota County, without consideration, the land to be used for public purposes only.

MONROE COUNTY—On June 22, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. Hugh F. DuVal, Jr., on behalf of Valhalla Yacht Service, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel in Section 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, containing 11.43 acres, more or less. Said parcel

is adjoining and southeasterly of Lots 1 and 2, Block 5, Ecstasy Section "A". The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Valhalla Yacht Service, Inc., at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

Mr. Evans Crary, on behalf of Horseshoe Point, Inc., submitted application to purchase 0.9 of an acre of submerged land on Horseshoe Point, Section 20, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, Martin County, adjoining upland property of applicant in Hanson Grant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, at a price of \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. F. P. Sadowski, submitted an offer of \$50.00 an acre for Riding Key in Section 26, Township 65 South, Range 27 East, containing 25.0 acres, more or less, in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the key for competitive bids and objections with a starting offer of \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting of the Trustees July 27, 1954, action was deferred on sale of St. Lucie County land owing to objections having been filed by Mr. Charles B. McAdam. The objections have since been withdrawn, but another protest has been filed by Charles Reese.

The land was applied for by Mr. Edward O. Denison, on behalf of Mr. R. N. Koblegard. Mr. Wells explained that there is no basis for the protest from Mr. Reese as his property is separated by a Government lot approximately 100 feet distant from that applied for by Mr. Koblegard and is not considered as a valid objection. He recommended that the objections be disallowed and that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Koblegard at the price offered—\$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disallow the objections filed by Mr. Reese and that sale of the land be confirmed in favor of Mr. Koblegard at \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees July 27, 1954, \$50,000.00 has been transferred to the State Board of administration for preliminary planning of Inter-American Center Au-

thority, with the remaining \$100,000.00 to be made available as and when needed.

Mr. Elliot submitted the following bids received for printing the minutes of the Trustees covering the two-year period from June 30, 1952 to July 1, 1954:

Artcraft Printers	\$6.95	per page
Capital Printers	7.15	" "
H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	6.90	" "
Robinson's	6.77	" "
Rose Printing Company	6.75	" "

Bids call for printing 150 copies of the minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the lowest bid submitted—Rose Printing Company at the rate of \$6.75 per page.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Edgar G. Hamilton, attorney of West Palm Beach, Florida, appeared before the board on behalf of his client Mr. Russell H. McIntosh, who represented Mr. Carl Coffin, holder of land under Palm Beach County Deed No. 998. Request was made for release of all except 35 feet each side of the centerline of State Road 805.

Mr. Elliot explained that there is a standard procedure by which the reduction or elimination of road right of way may be obtained. When the Trustees receive an application for release of any part of the road right of way it is submitted to the State Road Department. The State Road Department will make one of three recommendations: (1) That no part of the right of way be released; (2) That all of the right of way be released; and (3) That a certain part of the right of way be released. When the recommendation comes back it is presented to the Trustees and when approved a quitclaim deed is issued releasing that part of the right of way as recommended by the State Road Department.

In view of a pending sale involving this land, the Trustees were requested to take action at this time in order that Mr. Hamilton may present the case to the Road Board during its session in the afternoon.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the request be granted and quitclaim deed issued in favor of Mr. Carl Coffin, conditioned that the release is approved by the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 576 listing twenty (20) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, Acts of 1937.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of Polk County Deed No. 1979-Cor.-Suppl. to Clarence G. Garton, for the purpose of correcting error in original deed issued August 29, 1944, to Clarence G. Garton and wife.

Reconsideration was requested of bids listed on Marion County Report No. 146, sale of June 7, 1954, the Trustees having heretofore declined bids of \$1.25 per lot from George Roddenberry for 342 lots in Oakhurst Section 1, a subdivision of Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 22 East. The applicant now offers \$2.50 per lot, which averages approximately \$40.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$2.50 per lot from Mr. Roddenberry without readvertisement and new sale.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken July 27, 1954, in connection with Okeechobee County Bidding Report No. 115, sale of March 3, 1952, and explained that in view of information furnished Mr. Kenneth Ballinger by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County as to sale of approximately 1422 lots on March 3, 1952, bid in by Mr. Athleon Alderman, the Trustees agreed to confirm said sale conditioned upon the Clerk of the Circuit Court furnishing certificate that the lots had been advertised and sold in accordance with law; that the bids reported opposite each group of lots in each block were intended to apply to each lot and not to all lots in said group, and that the report was intended to reflect a bid of \$1.25 on each lot. The Clerk had stated to Mr. Ballinger that bid was made on the basis of \$1.25 per lot and that he has on deposit seventeen hundred and seventy odd dollars as Mr. Alderman's bid for said lots.

Mr. Elliot presented certificate signed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County in accordance with action of the Trustees July 27, 1954; also, memorandum from one of the State Auditors, who examined the Clerk's records, giving the following information:

"The only sale of record held during the period 7-1-51 to 7-31-54 was on March 3, 1952. The amount deposited by the applicant was \$407.95, which is broken down as follows:

Bid	\$ 81.25
Agent's fees.....	325.00 (65 parcels at \$5 each)
Recording	1.70

\$407.95"

The bid of \$81.25 shows that the bid was on the basis of \$1.25 for the group of lots and not per lot.

Mr. Elliot recommends that request for approval of the sale of March 3, 1952, be denied and that the Clerk of the Circuit Court be advised that when application is made for purchase of the lots in question that the base bid be at the rate of \$1.25 per lot.

Mr. Kenneth Ballinger was present and explained that the statement he made to the Trustees at the meeting last week was based on information received from the Clerk of the Court and the County Judge of Okeechobee County; that the information was not in accordance with the records and that he concurs in the recommendation of Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees and that the Clerk be so advised.

Offer of \$12.50 was submitted from Mr. J. M. McKinney for purchase of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 11, Block 2, T. P. Chaires Addition to Town of Cross City, in Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 12 East, Dixie County. Deed is requested under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953 (Sec. 192. 381) which provides for conveyance to former owner, or person holding through such owner, without advertisement and public sale.

Mr. Elliot reported that the law has been complied with and the offer is equal to amount required for regular sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the offer be accepted and deed authorized issued under provisions of Sec. 192.381, Florida Statutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaimer of interest in Gadsden County Murphy Act Certificate No. 73, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
August 17, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. E. M. Magaha, on behalf of Mr. C. E. Ward, for purchase of a parcel of

submerged land lying adjacent to applicant's upland property in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for sale, subject to objections only, based on offer submitted.

Mr. Robert B. Knight, on behalf of himself and wife, offers \$300.00 an acre for one-tenth ($1/10$) of an acre of lake bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed to Mr. Knight and wife without advertisement.

Mr. J. M. Couse, on behalf of the County Commissioners of Glades County, presented application for conveyance to the county of 8.33 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County. The parcel is desired for borrow pit purposes.

Mr. Wells recommends that the land be conveyed to the county for use of the State Road Department and for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Glades County of the land described, the deed to carry the restriction that the borrow pit will be for the use of the State Road Department and for public purposes only of the county.

Mr. A. R. Surles, Jr., submitted the following offers for land in Polk County:

\$15.00 an acre for $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$, of $E\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}$, less $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$, Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East;

\$30.00 an acre for Lots 3, 6 and 7, Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 27 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offers from Mr. Surles.

Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of John M. Ferguson, offers \$2,012.15 for 3.15 acres of island property in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, originally under mortgage No. 17702, dated July 26, 1926. Mr. Wells explained that Mr. Ferguson was the successful bidder at mortgage foreclosure sale and bid the full amount of the mortgage and interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Ferguson and confirm sale in his favor.

Mr. Wells reported that on May 11, 1954, the Trustees considered sale of a tract of submerged land in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, comprising 2 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County, applied for by Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Mr. Neil DuBois. Objections were filed and the sale was postponed for hearing. It is requested that a date be fixed for the hearing.

Without objection, it was agreed that Tuesday, August 31, 1954, be fixed for hearing interested parties as to the sale of the land.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the County Commissioners of Leon County for permission to plug or fill a hole in the bottom of Meginnis Arm of Lake Jackson in order to prevent all the water from running out that portion of the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for the County Commissioners of Leon County to do the work requested.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County are receiving complaints about fence posts sticking up out of the water of Lake Jackson, in Leon County, which are damaging boats of fishermen on the lake; that the Trustees have leased areas around the lake and some of the lessees have fenced the leased premises and have posted signs put up; that it might be well to look into areas leased by the Trustees and in the event new leases are given that a clause be included that will govern the lakeward boundary according to where the water level is. (The case of Mabry, et al. vs. Broward et al., has some bearing on the subject.) Mr. Elliot stated that further information will be submitted at a later date.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he was going to ask the Trustees to reconsider action taken August 3, 1954, relating to the subject of processing applications for purchase of sovereignty and other lands of the State; that he has discussed the matter with his staff and by reason of the need to determine the configuration of the shore lines, whether or not sales should be made with reference to various ownerships involved, and the preparation of proper descriptions for advertisements and deeds, he is of the view that it is almost impossible for the Land Office to handle these matters without assistance from the Engineer's office; that he feels the recommendation of the Engineer last year was sound and that the procedure should not be discontinued now as the public has a right to have the applications handled and it necessitates the assistance of an engineer.

Mr. Elliot stated that he did not intend that the work be discontinued permanently, but just held up for about two months until the back work in his office can be caught up and the two projects in the Everglades completed; that he had no idea of stopping the work; that sometime ago he recommended employing an engineer for the Land Office to check descriptions and locations.

The Attorney General suggested that there be no cessation period in handling the land applications for the reason that the public has the right to have their matters processed within a reasonable time.

Upon being asked how he felt about holding up on the handling of land applications, Mr. Wells stated that he felt it was essential to have the applications handled as they come in; that he has no engineering knowledge and he has to depend on Mr. Elliot's office to check descriptions and whether or not the lands should be sold; that the engineering assistance from Mr. Elliot's office cannot be compared as it is the best.

After full discussion of the subject, it was agreed to hold the matter in abeyance until the next meeting at which time Mr. Elliot will bring up his recommendation on the subject.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	416.66
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
Wayne Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—School Fund	10,011.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, To State Board of Conservation	3,580.52
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Transfer to Board of Administration, as fiscal agent for Inter-American Center Authority.....	50,000.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	73.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.48
Capitol Office Equipment Co.	14.05
Remington Rand Inc.	1.30
Photostat Corporation	96.00
The Miami Herald	100.80
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	42.10
Shell Oil Company	2.95

Total\$68,330.58

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 577 listing two (2) regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also 19 requests for release of state road right of way reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 577 and authorize issuance of deeds covering the bids received, subject to any protests that may be filed, and also execution of quitclaim deeds releasing the road right of way as recommended by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24
Total	\$733.73

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 24, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Secretary presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated August 10 and 17, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported a case where an area on Lake Ariana, in the City of Auburndale, Polk County, is being filled in by an upland owner. The City Attorney of Auburndale stopped the work but it was resumed, and since the bottoms of the lake are under control of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, request is made that some action be taken. Mr. Wells stated that he had requested the City Attorney, Mr. Frank Stanley, to act for the state, but he has withdrawn and the Attorney General is being requested to take over handling the matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Attorney General take over the case and assign someone to act for the state.

Mr. Wells presented request for refund of \$1500.00 in favor of Mr. Joe Kelleher, owing to failure of title to a parcel of submerged land in Section 29, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, sold to Mr. Kelleher July 27, 1954.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund in amount of \$1500.00 in favor of Mr. Kelleher.

Mr. Wells reported that on May 6, 1952, the Trustees considered bids on 982.57 acres of islands lying in the Halifax River in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, South of Port Orange Bridge, Volusia County. The island east of Intracoastal Waterway containing approximately 60 acres was bid in and sold to W. R. McElroy and Anderson Bouchelle at \$161.00 an acre, and a bid of \$125.00 an acre for the remaining islands east of Intracoastal Waterway, comprising approximately 290 acres, giving a total purchase price of \$45,910.00. The purchasers were to furnish a survey showing the acreage in the two separate parcels, and to this date they have neither furnished the survey nor paid any amount toward the purchase. It is recommended that the sale be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Wells and authorize cancellation of the sale to McElroy and Bouchelle.

United States Engineers make application to perform dredging work in the Kissimmee River Floodway channel, and in connection with said operations it is planned to deposit spoil material on two islands in unsurveyed Section 20, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, in the open waters of Lake Okeechobee, adjacent to the floodway channel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission as requested by the U. S. Engineers.

Mr. Wells presented the following offers for land in Okeechobee County:

Mr. Hollis Rinehart, on behalf of client, offers \$20.00 for Lot 16, Block 8, Northwest Addition to Town of Okeechobee, Section 16, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;

Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., offers \$15.00 per lot for Lots 1 and 2, Lots 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 94, Town of Okeechobee;

Mr. T. W. Conely, Jr., offers \$15.00 per lot on behalf of Mr. C. E. Drawdy for purchase of Lots 7 and 8, Block 5, South Okeechobee; and

Miss Kathryn Sweatt for purchase of Lots 3, 4, 7 and 8, Block 106, of the Town of Okeechobee, at \$15 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the several parcels for competitive bids, starting with the offers made by applicants.

Mr. John W. Rowland offers \$10.00 an acre for purchase of NW¼ of SW¼ of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres, more or less, in Suwannee County. Mr. Wells recommends a starting bid of \$25.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$25.00 an acre.

Mr. Ben Moss, on behalf of Mr. Hollis Waller Turner and Susan H. Turner, his wife, offers \$300.00 an acre or \$97.80 for 0.326 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to their upland property on Lake Conway in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre and authorize conveyance of the parcel to Mr. Turner and wife.

The following offers were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Charley Toppino and Sons, offers \$150.00 an acre for 37.88 acres of bay bottom land in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County;

Mr. J. Y. Porter, on behalf of Anthony Ulchar and Annie Ulchar, his wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.48 of an acre of submerged land in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County;

Mr. Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Palm Beach Ambassador, Sander Weinstock, president, offers \$500.00 an acre for 3.03 acres of submerged land in Lake Worth, located in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the several parcels of land for objections only, as required by law, at the prices offered by adjoining upland owners.

Mr. W. V. Knott, on behalf of Mary K. Basemore, John C. Knott and James R. Knott, submitted application for purchase of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Sections 22, 27 and 28, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County.

Mr. Wells explained that in order to correct a technicality in a former deed, the property will be readvertised so that deed can be issued to the present owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only.

The City of Daytona Beach makes application to the Trustees for conveyance of the islands in the Halifax River, lying within the corporate limits of said city—the islands comprising 85 acres more or less, in Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the said islands as requested, the deed to carry the reverter clause in the event the land should be used for other than public purposes.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. George H. Salley, on behalf of Okeelanta Sugar Refinery, Inc., that the Trustees agree to an exchange of land with his client. It was explained that the company owns Tract 2 of Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 35 East, comprising 4.85 acres in Palm Beach County, which they desire to exchange for a parcel of land owned by the Trustees described as W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, Township 45 South, Range 35 East, lying east of the right of way of Miami Canal, containing 1.47 acres, and that part of Tracts 1 and 32, lying east of the right of way of Miami Canal in Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 35 East, containing 2.11 acres, or a total for the two parcels of 3.58 acres, excepting therefrom a strip of land to be retained for canal right of way. It was explained that a right of way through a portion of the land involved in said exchange will be required by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, leaving the Trustees with a net acreage of 4.76 acres from the exchange.

Mr. Salley's client is agreeable to making the exchange on the basis as above outlined.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize consummation of the exchange of the land in Palm Beach County on the basis as outlined by Mr. Elliot.

In connection with the exchange as above, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests that the Trustees grant right of way across a certain part of the land involved in said exchange between the Trustees and Okeelanta Sugar Refinery, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant perpetual easement in favor of the Flood Control District on a strip of land for canal right of way, being the East 45 feet of Tract 2, Section 4, and additional strips through Tracts 1 and 32, Section 4, and through W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 9, all in Township 45 South, Range 35 East, comprising approximately 0.50 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Pursuant to action taken by the Trustees August 17, Mr. Elliot reported as to certain phases of the work in the Engineer's office and in the Land Office.

Discussion was had as to coordination of work between the Engineer's office and the Land Office and the advisability of employing an engineer to be assigned to the Land Office for taking over certain work now being done in the Land Office by the Engineer and Secretary.

Upon agreement between the two offices as to future procedure, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be relieved of all detail record search work in the Land Office and that use of his office be confined to consulting and for giving descriptions and advice as to locations for sale, and that another engineer be not employed.

Financial statements for the month of July, 1954, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1954		\$232,733.26
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	\$36,639.87	
Sale of Trustees Minutes	30.00	
Quitclaim Deeds	182.00	
Advertising Refunds	14.94	
Interest on Contract	20.57	
Mineral Leases	126.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	528.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	4,848.12	
Radio Station Leases	210.00	
Farm Lease	52.00	
Timber Lease	227.20	
Grazing Leases	1,525.00	
Campsite Lease	25.00	
Oil Lease	843.08	
Total Receipts for the Month.....	45,271.78	45,271.78
GRAND TOTAL		278,005.04
Less Disbursements for the Month		173,694.83
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1954		\$104,310.21

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
7-12-54	2128	Nathan Zemel	\$ 25.04
7-14-54	4189	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer — Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	14,987.05
	4190	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer — Tr. to State Board Conservation	9,814.30
	4895	W. R. Culbreath	6.46
	4896	Southeastern Telephone Co.	86.10
	4897	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	7.35
	4898	Shell Oil Co.	4.75

	4899	E. Leo Andrews, CCC	1.65
	4900	Cecil L. Anchors, CCC	1.60
	4901	Ben Henry Pooly, CCC	1.70
	4902	G. P. Bradford, CCC	1.25
7-20-54	8082	Capital City National Bank.....	136,082.13
7-23-54	11959	H. D. Perry	1,000.00
7-29-54	14692	State Treas.—Tr. 3% to G. R....	7,025.97
	15183	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	35.00
	15184	Rose Printing Co.	12.95
	15185	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	1.80
	15186	The Okeechobee News	1.00
	15187	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	15788	Royal Typewriter Co.	354.00
	15789	S. A. & Lucile Bryan	10.00
7-31-54	21632	Wayne Howell	193.93
	21633	Professional Insurance Co.	5.25
	21634	Federal Tax	9.20
	21635	5% Retirement Fund	10.97
	21636	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	21637	A. R. Williams	432.88
	21638	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	21639	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	21640	J. B. Linn	365.08
	21641	M. O. Barco	373.95
	21642	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	21643	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	21644	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	21645	C. M. Greene	47.50
	21646	R. N. Landers	26.13
	21647	Blue Cross	23.15
	21648	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	21649	5% Retirement Fund	179.17
	21650	Federal Tax	456.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1954			\$173,694.83

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

7-16-54	\$1,918.10
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
7-31-54	24403	E. Hewitt	\$ 360.97
	24404	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	24405	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	24406	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
	24407	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY, 1954			\$ 733.73
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of Polk County Deed No. 2639-Cor. in favor of Edwin F. Moorhouse and Julia M. Moorhouse, his wife, doing business as Moorhouse Realty Company, to correct the grantee in the original Murphy Act deed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 31, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented the following applications from adjoining up-land owners for purchase of submerged land:

Mr. Norman C. Schmid and Associates, Palm Beach, Florida, on behalf of Mr. Winston P. Ayers, offers \$300.00 an acre for 1.95 acres in Lake Worth, in Government Lot 1, Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County;

Mr. Ben Shepard of Miami, Florida, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, offers \$1,000.00 an acre for 1.05 acres in Indian Creek, Section 23, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, based on the offers submitted by applicants.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land owned by the state:

Mr. Gay C. Walker of Branford, Florida, offers \$10.00 an acre for the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, Suwannee County;

Clara B. Walker of Okeechobee, Florida, offers \$100.00 for lots 7 and 8, Block 5, South Okeechobee, Okeechobee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted. (A lower offer was made August 24, for Okeechobee County lots, but bidding will start at \$50.00 per lot.)

Mr. Wells reported that it is his understanding that Mrs. David Sholtz, widow of former Governor David Sholtz, holder of Mineral Lease No. 686, proposes to assign said lease to Crane Company, which holds Mineral Lease No. 930 covering an area contiguous to that under Lease No. 686. Lease 686 provides that Lessee shall have the right to renew for a period of ten (10) years from February 28, 1955, provided a plant costing \$30,000.00 has been constructed before February 28, 1955. Request is now made that the building requirements be waived and extension of the lease granted so as to blend with the terms, conditions, etc., of the Crane Lease, so that the joint leases will become one and the same and the building requirements of Crane Lease 930 will apply to both areas—a \$50,000.00 plant.

Mr. Wells recommends that the Trustees act favorably on the request, and upon assignment from Mrs. Sholtz to Crane Company, and their acknowledgment to and admission of facts and agreement to comply with the terms of their Lease No. 930 as applied to the area covered by Lease No. 686, that the Trustees then issue to Crane Company a revised lease including the area in Lease 686.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment of Lease No. 686 from Mrs. David Sholtz to Crane Company conditioned upon those things being carried out as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Joe Kelleher of Homestead, Florida, offered \$1,500.00 an acre for "Little Bird Key" containing approximately 2 acres in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the key for objections only based on offer from Mr. Kelleher.

Mr. Wells stated that this date was fixed for hearing objections to sale of submerged land in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, applied for by Mr. Neil DuBois. The tract is located in Loxahatchee River, near Florida East Coast Bridge, and was advertised to be sold May 4, 1954, but a quorum not being present on that day, consideration was postponed till May 11. Numerous objections were presented to the sale and this date was fixed for hearing interested parties.

Mr. DuBois was present and stated that he applied to purchase this parcel in front of his upland property for the purpose of filling it in so as to be able to get out to the oyster beds; that the objections filed are mostly for spite and his proposed improvement will improve the surrounding property rather than be detrimental.

Mr. Roy Rhodes, attorney of Tallahassee, stated that he was requested to represent the parties protesting. He presented petition signed by thirteen (13) families having property adjoining and near the land applied for by Mr. DuBois, explanation being that the proposed dredging and filling will destroy the oyster beds; that dredging operations will cause a menace to the health of the community by the dying oysters; that the value of adjoining property will be greatly depreciated by commercial exploitation proposed by Mr. DuBois; the scenic beauty of that area will be destroyed and the water front of some of his clients will be lost. Mr. Rhodes submitted the protests on behalf of Andrew V. Baird, Richard D. Stalls, Herbert D. Beck, George Boege, Albert T. Sims, Robert Quelch and a number of other land owners.

Mr. Rhodes further stated that in considering the objections raised, attention is called to the fact that the statute requires that the land be held for the public and not for one person, or a few parties, and therefore public considerations are important; that the property around the tract in question, except for a commercial area, is residential, the homes ranging in price from \$12,000.00 to \$20,000.00, and to allow this land sold for the purpose proposed will prejudice property of other owners.

Mr. Wells explained that a lease held by Mr. DuBois prior to his application to purchase was examined by the State Board of Conservation and no objection was raised to the lease; that he has the entire file on the subject—the protests filed, the letter from the Conservation Department with a report as to the examination of the area and letters from Mr. George S. Brockway, engineer for Mr. DuBois.

Mr. DuBois stated that representatives of the Flood Control District have advised that the oyster bars will have to come out; that his dredging will greatly improve the flow of water in the river, and as to destroying the scenic beauty, there is nothing but mangrove swamp there now.

Attorney General Ervin moved that Mr. Wells and one of the Trustees' engineers go down and view the site and hold a hearing at Jupiter where local citizens can express themselves, and report back to the Trustees. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gay, and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Land Agent be authorized to employ some suitable person to replace Mr. J. B. Linn, who is leaving that office.

In connection with action taken at the meeting August 24, requesting the Attorney General to handle a case in Polk County where dredging and filling is being carried on in Lake Ariana at Auburndale, Florida, Mr. Elliot reported that suit has been filed—Trustees Internal Improvement Fund vs. Edwin C. McDowell and wife—and there will be costs for procuring field data and other expenses to be incurred.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of necessary expenses to be incurred by the Attorney General in connection with the suit above referred to.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 579, listing Pinellas County Deed No. 234-Cor. to John Tweed McMullen, as administrator of the estate of Pearl W. Bemis, for the purpose of correcting name of grantee; also listing nineteen (19) quitclaim deeds as approved by the State Road Department for releasing certain portions of right of way reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report 579 as presented by the Secretary and authorize execution and delivery of deeds referred to.

Mr. Ike Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, and Mrs. Grace Winans were present and Mr. Anderson stated that Mrs. Winans asked him to make a statement to the Trustees from information she furnished him in connection with bid she made at Jefferson County sale held June 14, 1954, which statement is substantially as follows: Lot 110x165 feet in SW corner of Lot 2, Pine Grove Addition, Monticello, was formerly owned by a negro man. In 1932 or 1933 this property went to the State of Florida under the Murphy Act, but the old negro continued to pay taxes on the property till his death in 1950. His son who lived in Volusia County took over the property and Mrs. Winans purchased from the son. She later learned that the lot came to the state under the Murphy Act and she applied for deed in the usual manner. The land was advertised and on date of sale the bid was run up on Mrs. Winans to \$2,990.00, which price is all out of line. The bid was reported to the Trustees and accepted. Mrs. Winans states that the lot is not worth the amount she bid, and asks that the Trustees allow her to pay the base bid. She has invested in the property about \$3,000.00.

Discussion was had as to whether or not the case might come under an Act of the Legislature of 1953 known as the "Hardship Act."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the sale be withheld and that Mrs. Winans be authorized to submit the necessary information to see if she can proceed to get title under the 1953 Hardship Act.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 14, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Secretary presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated August 24 and 31, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells announced that a number of sales were advertised to be held today as follows:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On July 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of Mr. Wilbur C. Willis, for purchase of the most northerly part of an island in the Halifax River in Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County, lying west of Intracoastal Waterway at Latitude 29° 07' 33" North, Longitude 80° 58' 04" West, containing 3.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$100.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on August 13, 20, 27, September 2 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and bidding resulted in the highest offer of \$101.00 an acre being made by B. M. Shotkin.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$101.00 an acre from Mr. Shotkin.

MONROE COUNTY—On August 10, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Mr. F. P. Sadowski, for purchase of a mangrove key commonly known as Riding Key in the Bay of Florida, Section 26, Township 65 South, Range 27 East, containing 25 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting with \$50.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 16, 23, 30, September 6 and 13, 1954, with

sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was from applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$50.00 an acre from Mr. Sadowski and confirm sale in his favor.

COLLIER COUNTY—On July 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. John Gray for purchase of unsurveyed NW¼ of NW¼, S½ of NW¼ and S½ of Section 31, Township 48 South, Range 29 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Collier County News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$10.50 an acre from Mr. J. Alan Cross of Miami, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$10.50 an acre from Mr. Cross and confirm sale in his favor.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Mr. Madison Pacetti, on behalf of Mr. Phillip Strazzulla, for purchase of Section 3, Township 41 South, Range 41 East, less the North 224.04 acres, containing 655.48 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$15.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in the highest bid of \$31.00 an acre being made by Mr. Pacetti, for Mr. Strazzulla.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$31.00 an acre from Mr. Strazzulla and confirm sale in his favor.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 from Mr. Wilbur Hazellief for purchase of Lot 4, Block 3, Royal Oak Addition, Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$20.00 for lot and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$30.00 being made by B. M. Shotkin for the lot described.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from B. M. Shotkin of \$30.00 for the lot.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 from Mr. Elton C. Yates for purchase of a parcel of land in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, described as beginning 100 feet west of the northeast corner of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, run West 50 feet, South 165 feet, East 50 feet, North 165 feet to POB. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$25.00 for the parcel, and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and B. M. Shotkin raised the bid to \$26.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer made by Mr. Shotkin—\$26.00 for the parcel.

DUVAL COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 from J. H. Coppedge, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in St. Johns River in the unsurveyed part of Section 35, Township 2 South, Range 26 East, containing 0.55 of an acre, more or less, located westerly of and adjacent to Lots 6 and 8 of Granada, a subdivision situated in Section 48, same township and range. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Florida Times Union on August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Coppedge, adjoining upland owner, at the price offered—\$250.00.

BREVARD COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. W. Lansing Gleason, on behalf of Mr. L. M. Crowder, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Banana River in Section 34, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, containing 1.43 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as re-

quired by law, and notice of sale was published in the Star Advocate, Titusville, Florida, on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Crowder, as adjoining upland owner, at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. John C. Polhill, on behalf of Sarah B. Woodring, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Clearwater Harbor in Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to the South 15 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Block "A" of Jos. J. Eldridge's Subdivision, containing 1.32 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Woodring at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Robert C. Strief, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Whitcomb Bayou in the City of Tarpon Springs, located in the NE¼ of Section 14, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, containing 1.5 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 6, 13, 20, 27 and September 3, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells stated that Pinellas County has requested that the Trustees reserve that part lying within fifty (50) feet of the center line of County Road No. 8 (Whitcomb Boulevard), and that applicant to purchase has agreed to such reservation.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Strief at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre, the deed to carry reservation for County Road No. 8 as explained by Mr. Wells.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Mr. James A. Pruitt, Jr., as Trustee on behalf of himself and others, as owners of adjoining upland property, for purchase of 20.10 acres of submerged land in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Pruitt, as Trustee, at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On August 2, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Wilbur C. Stone, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen S. Girard, owners of adjoining upland, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Sections 4 and 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, lying adjacent to and easterly of Lots 30 to 34, inclusive, Block 24 of Fourth Addition to Lone Palm Beach, containing 8.29 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Girard at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. J. Warren Bowman, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 25 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bowman at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. Frank Dansereau for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Sections 32 and 33, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lot or Farm 24 of Pinellas Groves, containing 6.7 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Dansereau at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

MARTIN COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. Seymour Gideon, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River adjacent to and easterly of the south 100 feet of Tract 6-A East of Florida East Coast Railroad right of way of Gaines Estates Plat, lying and being in Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 41 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Stuart News, Stuart, Florida, on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gideon at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

MARTIN COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 from Mr. William A. Oughterson, on behalf of Mrs. Grace Weir, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hobe Sound in Section 19, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, lying westerly of and across the right of way of State Road 707 from Lots 89, 90 and 91 of Blowing Rocks Subdivision, containing 0.1 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Stuart News on August 12, 19, 26, September 2 and 9, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Weir at the price offered—\$10.00 for the parcel.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mr. E. William Gautier, on behalf of Mr. Campbell A. Brown, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and across Riverside Drive in the City of Edgewater from the South 100 feet of the North 230 feet of the East 150 feet of Lot 22, Mendell's Subdivision, containing 0.96 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Brown at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On July 27, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Thomas C. Simpson, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Dach, adjoining upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lot 14 of River Ridge Estates, containing 2.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Dach at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of William J. Hoysgaard, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 2.3 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hoysgaard at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On August 3, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Mr. Ralph J. Blank, Jr., adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying adjacent to and East of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 4 of the Subdivision of Lots 1, 2 and 3, of said Section 10, containing 0.80 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Blank at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mr. M. Lewis Hall, on behalf of Alonzo Cothron, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, northerly of and adjacent to Government Lot 3, Section 21, and Government Lot 1 in Section 20, all in Township 64 South, Range 36 East, containing 7.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cothron at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of John W. Walz, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying north of and adjacent to Lot 32 of Tipton's Subdivision, containing 0.39 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land with called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Walz at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On July 20, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burket, on behalf of clients who are adjoining upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay in Section 15, Township 38, Range 18 East, lying south of the Casey Key Bridge and adjacent to and easterly of Government Lot 3, and the North Half of Government Lot 4, in said Section 15, containing 23.21 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Burket's several clients, at the price offered—\$200 an acre.

BROWARD COUNTY—On August 3, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from William Gundlach, on behalf of Mrs. Cathrine Hennessey, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in New River in Section 11, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, lying adjacent to and south of Lot 3 of Dawson's Point, containing 0.23 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Hennessey at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

COLLIER COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from David C. Jones, Jr., and William L. Clarke, Jr., adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of tidal or sovereignty land in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, lying between Government Lot 1 and Government Lot 3 of said Section 10, containing 11.36 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on August 13,

20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Jones and Clarke at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

DADE COUNTY—On July 13, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Mr. Joe Kelleher, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Broad Creek, in Section 33, Township 58 South, Range 41 East, said parcel completely surrounding Government Lot 3 of said Section 33, containing 26.71 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on August 13, 20, 27, September 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed to the sale from the following parties:

Mr. W. E. Dunwody, Jr., on behalf of Arthur V. Davis.

Mrs. S. M. Goldsmith.

Mr. Preston B. Bird, County Commissioner of Dade County.

Mr. W. E. Dunwody, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. Jean Linderman.

Dawn Rigby Bliss.

T. H. Teasley

Wm. H. Turner, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Swanson.

All the above persons claim ownership of islands or keys in the vicinity of the submerged area applied for by Mr. Kelleher.

The objections filed were mainly on the ground that filling of the area would obstruct the view of said owners.

B. M. Shotkin verbally protested the sale and offered to pay \$250.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. Dunwody, for his clients, urged that the Trustees not sell the submerged area to Mr. Kelleher and displayed a map showing the ownership of his clients and others in that area. He stated that there is no development in that area as yet and he does not feel that now is the time for these areas to be sold; that no one knows yet where the causeway and highway will be constructed, but it might be necessary to have a part of this area for that purpose. Mr. Kelleher stated that he would be glad to give a right of way for the scenic highway if it was needed.

Mr. M. B. Garris, Engineer of Miami, stated that the records of the Government Survey in 1873 are incorrect and there is no way of telling what the depth of water around this key is; that some parts

may be only three (3) feet deep at high tide but in other places it is deeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were present and protested the sale, as they think it will obstruct their view from the ocean; that they thought they owned the island purchased by Mr. Kelleher and had filled and made some improvements before they found they did not have title.

The Trustees expressed the view that it has been the policy of the board to sell to the adjoining upland owner the submerged areas and there seemed to be no valid legal objections to the sale, however the board is willing to withhold final decision and allow time for the protesting parties to take whatever action they desire.

Attorney General Ervin asked Mr. Elliot what his views were. Mr. Elliot stated that the Trustees are authorized to sell the area in question, but his suggestion would be that the acreage be reduced for the reason that if anything is ever done toward protecting Biscayne Bay and Card Sound, Broad Creek would be utilized as an additional outlet; that the protests are principally on the matter of view.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action for a period of sixty (60) days from this date in order that parties protesting may have opportunity to make whatever examination they desire and come back before the Trustees.

Mr. Richard B. Muldrew, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Gran, made application for a combination permit to dredge sand from the Indian River adjacent to their upland property in Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County. Applicants offer ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for hard material and five cents (5c) per cubic yard for fill material, with minimum monthly rental of \$15.00, and agree to furnish bond in amount of \$1000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Mr. Gran on the basis outlined.

The following applications were made for purchase of submerged areas adjoining upland property:

Mr. B. W. Ketchum, on behalf of Paul Ross and Norma L. Roberts, offers \$150.00 an acre for 0.69 of an acre of land in the Bay of Florida, Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County;

Dr. Bradley Waldron offers \$100.00 an acre for land in Boca Ciega Bay, adjacent to upland property in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County;

Mr. Joe Kelleher offers \$100.00 an acre for three (3) parcels of land in Tampa Bay in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, said parcels radiating northerly, easterly and southeasterly from a point on a mangrove flat com-

monly called Little Bird Key. Parcels applied for total approximately 213 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offers submitted.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees are now advertising for competitive bids Lots 3, 6 and 7, Section 21, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, Polk County. It now appears that W. G. Akins of Polk County claims title to the lots by virtue of a tax deed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court and also from Peace Creek Drainage District. Under a recent ruling of the Supreme Court, although title never regularly passed out of the state, the state has lost its title. This position is concurred in by the Attorney General and it is recommended that quitclaim deed be issued to Mr. Akins upon payment of \$1.00 per acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed as recommended upon payment at the rate of \$1.00 per acre.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Gulf Oil Corporation for permission from the Trustees to extend shot hole lines across state-owned lands and the bottoms of Lake Hicpochee, located in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, and in Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission as requested as to the land areas, but that no holes be fired in Lake Hicpochee.

Gulf Oil Corporation, on behalf of Coastal Petroleum Company, makes application for approval by the Trustees of the following described location as the site for an oil well under the terms of Lease 340-340-A:

Location described as 1980 feet East and 660 feet North of the SW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the above described site as the location for an oil well under Lease No. 340-340-A.

Gulf Oil Corporation, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Company, requests that the Trustees approve a site for an oil well under the provisions of Lease No. 730, statement being made that the State Board of Conservation has indicated acceptance of the site. The location is north of the north boundary of Everglades National Park.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Commonwealth Oil Company and that the location described as "660 feet East and 150

feet North of the SW corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County" be approved as a well site under Lease No. 730.

Mr. Elliot recommended that in future the State Board of Conservation be requested to inform the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in advance of the proposed location for the drilling of an oil well, when such location is on state owned land, in order that the site may be checked and verified.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the board.

Letter was presented from Dr. Elbert J. Soskis of Tampa, Florida, requesting permission to set posts in Lake Keystone, Hillsborough County, out a certain distance, parallel with his property lines, so that the bathing area may be protected from speed boats and skiers coming in too close to the shore.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Dr. Soskis for providing safety measures in front of his property on Lake Keystone and that Mr. Elliot be authorized to outline the extent of such permission, as to the type of piling or posts, the distance out into the lake, and suitable markers for warning boats.

Mr. Elliot presented a petition signed by thirteen (13) parties and mailed to the State Drainage Commission from Mr. C. L. Thatcher, asking for assistance in providing proper drainage on the north side of State Highway 580 from New Coastal Highway No. 19 to Jerry Creek.

The Board of Drainage Commissioners having no authority to participate in work of the character desired by petitioners, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted that Mr. Elliot advise Mr. Thatcher that there is nothing the board can do under the law.

Mr. Dempsey Mayo, Marshall, appeared before the Cabinet to request allotment of \$30,000 to be used for the installation of an elevator in, and repairs to the Supreme Court Building.

Mr. Mayo briefly explained the necessity for the proposed work stating the make-shift elevator in operation at this time is inadequate and the fact that the building has never been properly waterproofed is cause for concern as valuable documents, books, records, etc., are stored in the basement area which should be waterproofed in order to insure preservation of these records.

Comptroller Gay stated that he had discussed this matter with Chief Justice Roberts and other Members of the Court and they are very much concerned about the existing conditions and are mostly concerned about the safety of their books, documents, etc.

Comptroller Gay stated he thought the Cabinet could justifiably make a release from the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for this work.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Attorney General Ervin, and unanimously adopted, authorizing release of \$30,000 from reserve of Chapter 610 account (Trust) and authorized transfer of this amount to Supreme Court—Repairs and New Construction (Agencies).

Request was presented from the Land Department that refund warrant in amount of \$290.73 be issued in favor of Mr. Joe Kelleher as reimbursement for payments made on Contract No. 20171, Monroe County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund in amount of \$290.73 to Mr. Kelleher.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 580 listing 47 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 580 and authorize issuance of deeds covering the bids received, subject to any protests that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of the following deeds, all having been approved by the Attorney General's office:

Quitclaim deed to Paul L. Corcoran and Clara K. Corcoran, his wife, for the purpose of adding the word "inclusive" after description of certain lots conveyed to City of Hialeah in Dade County Deed No. 03-Chapter 21684.

Broward County Deed No. 2714-Suppl-Cor. to Alvin B. Jones to correct description in Deed No. 2714 dated Sept. 14, 1945.

Broward County Deed No. 2783-Suppl-Cor. to Alvin B. Jones, to correct description in Deed No. 2783 dated Feb. 16, 1946.

Hillsborough County Deed No. 4605-Suppl-Cor. to I. C. Ouzts, to correct certificate numbers shown on Deed No. 4605 dated August 27, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department across the following designated land:

Alachua County—State Road No. 25—Sec. 2601-107

A parcel of land lying within 50 feet of the survey line of State Road 25, being in Clinch Grant, Section 8, Township 10 South, Range 20 East;

Columbia County—State Road S-231—Sec. 2961-150

That part of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 4 South, Range 18 East, lying within 40 feet each side of the centerline of said road.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration Jefferson County Report No. 93, sale of August 30, 1954, listing bid of Leslie Hatchett, Tom Braswell, Jesse Lovett, Sr., and J. B. Keen, in amount of \$40.00 for 2 acres of land described as a small triangle in the extreme southwest corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 3 North, Range 3 East. Protest to the sale was filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County by the law firm of Ausley and Ausley, of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of Walter E. Edge, Jr.

Mr. Ike Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, came before the Trustees and reported that the sale was held in accordance with the law and with the rules of the Trustees; that Ausley and Ausley was not represented at the sale but called his office a short time afterwards and asked that the land be offered for sale again in order that they might bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline to consider the protest, as the objection was not considered valid, and that sale to the highest bidder be approved and deed ordered issued.

Mr. Elliot requested that Marion County sale of June 7, 1954 be reconsidered, two of the high bidders of said sale—W. R. McKenzie and R. H. Daniel—having agreed to raise their bids from \$1.25 per lot to \$2.50 per lot. The bids of \$1.25 per lot were made on 168 lots in Hi-Cliff Heights S/D of Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 22 East, and declined by the Trustees at a former meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids of \$2.50 per lot and confirm sale without further advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the following deeds under provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953, the applicants having complied with the law:

Pinellas County—William Platt Hayes and Birchard Platt Hayes, heirs of Lucy Platt Hayes, deceased, 2.35 acres in Section 9, Township 29 South, Range 15 East;

St. Johns County—Charles C. Mathis, Jr.—Lot 8, Block 19, North St. Augustine Usina and Kuhn S/D.

The City of Sanford requests that the Trustees grant right of way easement for sewer purposes through seven (7) feet of Lot 15, Block "A" and Lot 8, Block "E", Buena Vista Estates, Seminole County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement without cost in favor of the City of Sanford for sewer purposes of the city.

Walton County Reports Nos. 139, 141 and 142, listing sales held in 1950 and 1951, prior to the illness and death of the former Clerk of the Circuit Court, Miss Kate Gillis, were transmitted by the present Clerk for action by the Trustees. The Trustees directed that the Clerk attempt to complete the sales. It has since developed that the sales cannot be completed because of inaccuracies in records and failure to account for deposits made to cover sales. It is recommended that all bids be declined and the Clerk be directed to refund such money as can be identified.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline all bids listed on Reports 139, 141 and 142, and that the Clerk be authorized to refund all monies that he can identify.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Citrus and Okaloosa Counties, as approved by the Attorney General's Office.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLIE E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 21, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charlie E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented application from Mr. Howard C. Haddon, on behalf of Albert G. and Annette Boesel, with offer of \$300.00 an acre for 0.092 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Orange County, adjoining their upland property in Nela Isle Island Section, lying and being in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize sale to adjoining upland owners without advertisement.

The following offers were presented for purchase of land in Pinellas County:

Mr. Bradley Waldron offers \$125.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Lower Boca Ciega Bay, Sections 22, 23, and 26, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, lying easterly of Cow and Calf Key, containing 10 acres, more or less;

Mr. Joe Kelleher offers \$100.00 an acre for submerged land in Tampa Bay in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, running north and south between Main Channel and Bunces Pass along Longitude 82° 41' 50" West, containing 104.8 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels for competitive bids and objections, starting with the offers submitted.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged areas adjoining upland property of applicants:

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo Butler, on behalf of Mr. A. J. Simms, et al., offers \$150.00 an acre for land in the Narrows easterly of Tract "B" of Haven Beach Replat, containing 12.4 acres, more or less, in Section 7, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, and in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of I. F. Belcher, offers \$150.00 per acre for a parcel of land adjacent to Block 8 of Beach Haven Subdivision, containing 25.8 acres, more or less, in Section 7, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, and in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Alfred Y. Dubuque, offers \$150.00 an acre for land in Old Tampa Bay, Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 0.54 of an acre, more or less. Recommendation is that this land be sold as a minimum bid of \$100.00 for the parcel;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Fred Muller, Sr., offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.48 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in the Harbor View area, Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East;

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Mr. C. Winston Smith, on behalf of Armine R. Ashton and Annie L. Wilson, offers \$100.00 an acre for 1.12 acres of land adjacent to their upland in A. W. Barr's Subdivision of the Pickett Grant, Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the five (5) parcels of land applied for by the adjacent upland owners, subject to objections only, at the prices offered and recommended.

Mr. Elliot presented as information to the Trustees a letter from Mr. Preston B. Bird, County Commissioner of Dade County, in which it was stated that Dade County would be grateful if the Trustees would make no disposition of any bay bottom lands that may be required in connection with a proposed toll road extending from Miami Beach to Key Biscayne, Ragged Keys and Elliott Key to connect with State Road No. 905 on Key Largo. No island building or land improvement is proposed by the county. Mr. Elliot stated that he has written the county requesting that it furnish the Trustees with an approximate location of the proposed route and of lands requested to be withheld from sale. When that is received he will again present the matter.

Request was presented from the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County for conveyance of an area south of Jupiter Inlet located in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and in Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 43 East. This area was included in an easement to the United States for Maintenance Spoil Area #605—Intracoastal Waterway but was relinquished by the Federal Government in March 1954 by issuance to the Trustees of quitclaim deed. Palm Beach County desires to use a portion of the parcel for right of way for the State Road Department in widening State Road No. 5 (U. S. No. 1), and the remainder as a County Park.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees deal directly with the State Road Department as to right of way for State Road No. 5 and that the remainder be dedicated to Palm Beach County for park purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of the Secretary as the action of the board and that two separate instruments be prepared, one to the State Road Department and one to Palm Beach County, subject to approval of the Attorney General.

Glades County Chamber of Commerce, Moore Haven, Florida, requests conveyance of a parcel of state owned land in Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, for use as a borrow pit required in connection with the construction of a bridge, and upon completion of the bridge the borrow pit area will be used as a yacht basin.

Upon discussion of the request, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees follow their established policy and deal directly with the State Road Department and grant said department an easement for borrow pit purposes;

that when the State Road Department relinquishes the easement, the request of Glades County Chamber of Commerce can then be considered.

Mr. Elliot reported that in connection with the spillway and dam in Lake Miccosukee, it will be necessary to provide a water control structure and the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County are requesting that the Trustees contribute to the cost of the structure to the extent of \$6000.00; that if allowed the structure will be built in accordance with plans drawn by Mr. Elliot and the work will be under his supervision.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve allocation of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00) toward the cost of the structure as outlined by Mr. Elliot.

Request was presented from Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp. for permission to take fill material from an area described as the marshlands of Tolomato River, adjacent to St. Augustine Airport, and deposit said material on the airport property. The fill is being done through mutual agreement with St. Augustine Airport Authorities.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corporation for taking fill material requested.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests conveyance of 0.14 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Palm Beach County to be used in connection with S-2 Pumping Station. The said parcel is under purchase contract in favor of Emil Zwicky who has stated that he will release the parcel from his contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that upon receipt of letter from Mr. Zwicky agreeing that said parcel be eliminated from his contract, the Trustees will grant a temporary easement to said parcel to the Flood Control District.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund in amount of \$846.48 in favor of Mr. Joe Kelleher as reimbursement for payments made on Contract No. 20121 covering land on Money Key Island in Monroe County, title to the land having failed.

Mr. Elliot informed the Trustees with reference to conference he had on this date with representatives of the Inter-American Center Authority. They are urging that the Trustees accept engineering data they have had prepared by reliable engineers rather than delay a month or longer for examination and survey to be made by the

Trustees' engineer. Mr. Elliot stated that he asked the Authority to furnish his office with engineering data procured by them, and if satisfactory with the Trustees he could make a report on their findings instead of spending the time and money — approximately \$20,000.00—to make a survey for the Trustees.

It was agreeable with the Trustees, and Mr. Elliot was requested to make a report on the showings and surveys made by engineering firms for Inter-American Center Authority.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved, and the Comptroller be requested to issue warrants therefor:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
J. B. Linn, Clerical Assistant	416.66
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
Wayne Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	146.63
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. of State School Fund	25,825.45
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	9,346.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
Tr. to Supreme Court account	30,000.00
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses	28.46
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	16.70
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	15.10
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	15.30
A. R. Williams—Expenses	28.89
A. R. Williams—Expenses	19.87
Holland Kelley, Bartow, Fla.—Taking testimony in case Trustees vs. McDowell	25.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	139.95
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.55
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.05
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	42.10
The H & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4.70
Judge B. Helms, CCC Holmes County—	
Recording Fee	1.60
Edwards' Surveying & Blueprinting, Lakeland.....	60.00
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
Joseph A. Kelleher, Homestead, Fla.—Refund	846.48
Joseph A. Kelleher, Homestead, Fla.—Refund	1,500.00

Joseph A. Kelleher, Homestead, Fla.—Refund.....	290.73
TOTAL	\$72,760.60

Financial statements for the month of August, 1954, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1954		\$104,310.21
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales—Gross	\$69,007.48	
Less Returned Check	776.26	
Land Sales—Net	\$ 68,231.22	
Land Leases	28.00	
Farm Leases	5,036.60	
Quitclaim Deeds	65.00	
Advertising Refund	100.80	
Interest on Contract	13.10	
Treasure Leases	300.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	11,022.81	
Mineral Leases	367.79	
Grazing Leases	511.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	594.00	
Oil and Gas Leases	35,401.63	
Timber Lease	414.20	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH	122,086.15	\$122,086.15
GRAND TOTAL		226,396.36
Less Disbursements for the Month		68,480.25
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1954		\$157,916.11

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8-11-54	25706	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—	
		Trans to School Fund	\$ 10,011.00
8-10-54	25707	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—	
		Trans. to State Bd. Conservation	3,580.52
	25708	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Trans to Board of Administration	50,000.00
8-11-54	29113	Southeastern Telephone Co.	73.00
	29114	Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.48
	29115	Capital Office Equipment Co.	14.05
	29116	Remington Rand	1.30
	29117	Photostat Corporation	96.00
	29118	The Miami Herald	100.80
	29119	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	42.10
	29120	Shell Oil Company	2.95
8-27-54	45727	Sinclair Wells	64.94
8-31-54	47890	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	47891	A. R. Williams	432.88
	47892	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	47893	W. R. Culbreath	190.00

47894	J. B. Linn	365.08
47895	M. O. Barco	373.95
47896	J. L. Dedge	350.16
47897	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
47898	Wayne Howell	330.95
47899	Sinclair Wells	213.75
47900	C. M. Greene	47.50
47901	R. N. Landers	26.13
47902	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
47903	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
47904	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
47905	5% Retirement Fund	199.17
47906	Federal Tax	499.80
48229	D. H. Sloan, CCC	10.00
48230	W. S. Weaver, CCC	1.85
48231	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
48232	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	22.88
Total Disbursements For Month of August, 1954.....		\$ 68,480.25

U.S.G.S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of August 1, 1954	\$ 0.00
Receipts for the Month—Aug. 27, Chase Groves Inc	250.00
Less Disbursements	0.00
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1954	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

August 2	\$2,307.05
August 16	5,217.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$7,524.15

Disbursement for the Month from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8-31-54	45294	E. Hewitt	\$360.97
	45295	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	45296	Provident Life & Accident Ins Co.	7.75
	45297	State Retirement	21.37
	45298	Federal Tax	72.80
Total Disbursements for Month of August, 1954			\$733.73

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 581 listing 109 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Ausley & Ausley, attorneys for Walter E. Edge, Jr., further with reference to Jefferson County sale of August 30, 1954. See minutes of September 14, 1954. Request was made that the Trustees allow protest of their client and direct the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County to readvertise the land and hold another sale so that his client may submit a bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny the request and stand by action taken September 14.

Mr. Ronald Brugh submitted application for conveyance under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 13 West, containing 40 acres in Bay County. Mr. Brugh offers \$200.00 for the land as former owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and agree to convey the land as requested, subject to checking and ascertaining if all requirements of the law have been complied with.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for deed to North 42 feet of Lots 1 and 2. Summit S/D in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 22 South, Range 26 East, Lake County. The parcel is required in connection with State Road No. 50—Section 1107.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize conveyance to the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act certificates involving land in Brevard and Calhoun Counties, the Attorney General's Office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land conveyed thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24
TOTAL	\$733.73

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 5, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, officers of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and unanimously adopted, approving minutes of September 14 and 21, 1954, copies having been furnished all members of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and unanimously adopted, confirming sales held by Mr. Wells on September 28 at public auction, in the Board Room, as follows: (Copy of advertisements filed in the Land Office.)

LEE COUNTY, ADVERTISED FOR OBJECTIONS ONLY—No objections filed to the sale. A parcel of submerged land in San Carlos Bay in Section 13, Township 46 South, Range 23 East, containing 2 acres, more or less, sold to Mr. C. E. Ward, the adjacent upland owner; application made by Mr. E. M. Magaha on behalf of Mr. Ward—at a price of \$150.00 per acre.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, ADVERTISED FOR OBJECTIONS ONLY—No objections filed to sale. A parcel of submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico southeasterly of and adjacent to a part of Fractional Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 3 West and Fractional Sections 12 and 13, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, containing 18.6 acres, more or less, sold to Lanark By The Sea, Inc., Thomas A. Yancey and Sally Y. Belknap, application made by Miss Kathryn Gregory on behalf of Lanark By The Sea, Inc., on the basis of \$100.00 per acre.

POLK COUNTY, COMPETITIVE BIDS—All that part of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of unsurveyed Section 11, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, lying landward of the original ordinary high water mark of Lake Mattie, containing an estimated 25 acres, more or less, subject to a road right of way of 60 feet in width along the east line of said S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, sold to Mr. Roy Surles on behalf of Marion G. Denton and Valedia W. Denton, his wife, at high bid of \$51.00 per acre.

Pursuant to request of Department of Agriculture, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and unanimously adopted,

authorizing Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to accept payment of the \$90,000.00 on bonds held by said Trustees on the Winter Haven Citrus Building, or so much thereof as can be paid at this time by the Department of Agriculture, bonds to be then delivered to said Department of Agriculture.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Treasurer Larson and unanimously adopted, approving application made by James W. Moore on behalf of George Stamos for a permit to dredge materials from the bottom of Biscayne Bay within an area of 1,000 feet west of Ragged Keys No. 1 and No. 4, in Section 29, Township 56 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, for the purpose of raising elevation of said islands and filling in on their easterly side, payment to be made for the fill material at the regular rate.

Also, authorized advertised for objections only land bordering on the easterly side of Ragged Keys, which land lies between the high and low water mark and is known as tidelands—one parcel containing 0.047 acres and the other parcel containing 0.183 acres. Application made by James W. Moore on behalf of George Stamos, the upland owner. Price \$500.00 per acre.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged areas adjoining upland property of applicants:

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo M. Butler on behalf of Mrs. Idel V. Jamison, offers \$150.00 per acre for 2.05 acres adjoining her upland in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, subject to any cut-back or reduction in area as recommended by West Coast Inland Navigation District.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo M. Butler on behalf of Barney W. Laws, offers \$150.00 per acre for 1.58 acres adjoining his upland in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, subject to any cut-back reduction in area as recommended by West Coast Navigation District.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Leo M. Butler on behalf of William F. Byars, offers \$150.00 per acre for 2.20 acres adjoining his upland in Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, subject to any cut-back or reduction in area as recommended by West Coast Inland Navigation District.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Charles A. Robinson on behalf of Charles R. Anderson, offers \$100.00 per acre for 5.6 acres in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, adjoining his upland.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and unanimously adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the four (4) parcels of land applied for by the adjacent upland owners, subject to objections only, at the prices offered and recommended.

Mr. Wells stated that certain members of Pelican Bay Co-Op inquire if there is a possibility of reorganizing. It appears that some of the lessees using Section 21 of Township 43 South, Range 37 East, have paid their rent regularly to the Co-Op and are in jeopardy of losing their lease on account of failure of other lessees to pay their rent. However, these payments have not been turned over to the Trustees and only the original payment of \$250.00 has been made. The other lease, covering more than 4,000 acres in Township 43 South, Range 39 East, has had nothing paid in except the initial payment of \$500.00

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Lawson and unanimously adopted, that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells be directed to investigate the situation and report back to the Trustees with recommendation as to desirable action.

Pursuant to request made by Gulf Oil Corporation, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and unanimously adopted, granting permission to said corporation to cross lands owned by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in Township 58 South, Ranges 38, 39 and 40 East and in Township 59 South, Ranges 39 and 40 East, with a refraction seismograph survey through that locality.

Mr. Elliot advised the Trustees that by letter of September 21, 1954, Gulf Oil Corporation withdraws its application for extension of oil and gas leases presented by J. L. McCord on July 20, 1954. The proposal covered 29 leases, Nos. 658, 826 A through 826 Z, and 826AA and 826BB.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the request be granted.

Mr. Elliot submitted report to Trustees on superficial examination of the Graves Tract, Dade County, suggested as a site for Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center, by Mr. A. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer, with closing paragraphs by himself.

October 4, 1954

REPORT TO TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ON SUPERFICIAL EXAMINATION OF THE GRAVES TRACT IN DADE COUNTY PROPOSED FOR USE AS INTER-AMERICAN CULTURAL AND TRADE CENTER

There is transmitted memorandum from Mr. A. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer, who made a preliminary examination of the site on September 16, to which memorandum I have added closing paragraphs.

October 5, 1954

To Mr. F. C. Elliot—Memo
From A. Rees Williams

SUBJECT: Report on the preliminary investigation of the Graves Tract for the proposed Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center in Dade County, Florida.

Pursuant to instructions, the writer proceeded to Miami to meet Messrs. Thomas A. Horobin and Albert W. Dorgan on the morning of September 16, 1954, the purpose of the trip being to investigate the proposed site of the Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center authorized to be established in Dade County.

In the company of the above named gentlemen, we proceeded to the Graves Tract. This area lies in Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 of Township 52 South, Range 42 East, northwest of Miami and south of Sunny Isles Road east of U. S. Highway No. 1, north of Arch Creek and west of the Intra-coastal Waterway.

On foot we made our way to point 660 feet north of the south line of Section 21, having in hand the North Miami Quadrangle as published by the U. S. Geological Survey. We were able to walk easterly into the Mangrove along a spoil bank of a drainage canal for approximately 300 feet.

We then proceeded to a boat landing located on the Oleta River where said river is crossed by the Sunny Isle Road. Traveling by an outboard motored boat with a guide, we navigated the Oleta River and into several of the creeks and artificially dug ditches covering fairly well the south part of Sections 14 and 15 and into the northerly part of Section 22. Navigation was comparatively easy as the tide was 3.3 feet above mean low water at the time we were making observations, enabling us to penetrate deeply into the mangrove from the north and east.

In several places we probed or sounded for a firm bottom, using a six foot oar, but in no instance did we touch rock or firm mud or sand even at arms length plus the six foot oar.

The mass of mangrove growth, including the twining roots, is the heaviest the writer has even seen in any part of Florida, including the Ten Thousand Island area in Collier and Monroe Counties. The water was black to the extent that you could not see your hand eight inches below the surface. The guide informed us that this is the usual condition of the water in this area.

Along the easterly edge of the tract from the approximate center of Section 14, southerly to the intersection with the west line of Section 23, there are spoil areas thrown up from the dredging in the Intracoastal Canal. These areas are comparatively narrow in width and mosquito control ditches have been cut through in several places.

The following summary is made, considering, of course, that the opinions and conclusions herein arrived at are

based upon a preliminary visual inspection without the knowledge or benefit of any prior soundings to rock, borings, surveys or investigations.

To develop the mangrove marsh area in Sections 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23 comprising approximately 1100 acres, would be a very costly operation for either a private or public project. If it were feasible, the writer is of the opinion that the tract would have been developed by private interests long ago. The mangrove would have to be taken out from the roots up and disposed of in some manner.

Due to the depth and instability of the muck, heavy machinery for removing the dense growth could not operate satisfactorily or economically. Burning on the site, using oil or other inflammable vehicle, is a slow, tedious and time consuming task and considerable doubt exists if the larger, say 4 inch and up, stems could ever be burned.

Considering that the mangrove would be removed from the site, the entire area to be converted into land would have to be back-filled, preferably after removing the muck also. Not having any borings or any pre-determined depth to rock or stable sand, it is impossible to calculate the required amount of back-fill, but several estimates range from 15 million cubic yards to 26 million cubic yards.

Taking 20 million cubic yards as the mean amount and estimating the amount of material available within pumping distance, at least 80% of this amount of back-fill would have to be borrowed and hauled in. To decrease this amount or percent of borrow to zero would require the use of approximately 500 acres of the 1100 acres to fill the remaining 600 acres.

The available area of land in the tract not classified as mangrove and lying in Sections 16 and 21 has been reported to be approximately 400 acres. Of this amount, only 10% or 40 acres is 5 feet above M.S.L. Although the remaining 360 acres would require back-filling to bring it to a safe elevation above storm or hurricane tides, this particular operation would be comparatively simple and considerably less expensive than the mangrove area.

A. REES WILLIAMS, Assistant Engineer

Closing paragraphs added by F. C. Elliot, Engineer:

The superficial examination made by Mr. Williams in a day's time was not much more than a kind of "look see". It was, of course, completely impractical in a day's time to make an examination of an engineering nature for securing data on what would be encountered affecting construction or cost in making the site ready for development; but it is apparent that the cost of removing and disposing of the dense mangrove growth, the removal of roots and fibrous peaty material, its replacement with earth and rock and the stabilizing of the remaining saturated soft muck at depths below the level of covering tide will be great. My informa-

tion is that no comprehensive, articulated engineering report accompanied by data disclosing the physical conditions of the site in sufficient detail or accuracy for construction purposes, and cost estimates, has been made. In one of the two reports supplied by the Authority, the estimated quantity of material required for fill is 10,212,400 cubic yards, all to be taken from within the tract, while in the other, the quantity given is 20,000,000 cubic yards, all to be procured from outside the tract. Such wide difference suggests the desirability of securing more accurate data on which to arrive at less divergent conclusions.

There is available to the Trustees information on that which can be seen on the ground affecting various considerations such as site location with respect to centers of population, transportation by road, rail, air and water, flow of traffic, availability of power, water for domestic use, and other public utilities. These considerations appear to be favorable. That which is lacking is data on physical conditions below ground, already referred to, requiring extensive examination.

In a construction project running into talked about 40 to 65 million dollars, requiring as the first step the making of land out of a submerged, dense mangrove swamp resting on soft muck of uncharted depth, it would be highly desirable to have a comprehensive examination of the entire site, including adequate soundings or borings to rock or other firm material, determination of the physical character of the material from a load bearing standpoint, and other structural features, and the plotting of the data in an orderly pattern for study, analysis and conclusion as to suitability, treatment, construction requirements and costs.

F. C. ELLIOT,

Engineer and Secretary, Trustees Internal Improvement Fund

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Mr. Elliot then discussed briefly reports furnished him by the Inter-American Center Authority, on the Graves Tract by Rader Knappen Tippetts Engineering Co. and by Gibbs & Hill, Inc., Moran Proctor Mueser & Rutledge, Voorhees Walker Foley & Smith, the latter relating to three areas, one of which is the Graves Tract, including a number of letters, documents, maps and other papers. In neither report is there sufficient supporting, factual data relating to site preparation, construction considerations, overlying muck, depth to rock, depth, quantity and location of material to be removed and for replacement and fill. One estimate of fill material required, all of which is to be dredged from within the tract, is 10,212,400 cubic yards. The other report states that 20,000,000 cubic yards of fill will be required, all to be taken from outside the tract. Such wide difference in quantity and procurement site indicates absence or insufficiency of reliable data.

Mr. Larson remarked that he would consider the letters were more in the way of a promotional recommendation.

Mr. Mayo spoke briefly on the project and stated that he thought the Authority should furnish the Trustees with a comprehensive engineering report, with data procured from a complete examination of the entire site. Mr. Larson inquired if that was made as a motion, whereupon Mr. Mayo moved that the authority be requested to furnish the Trustees with a comprehensive engineering report, supported by data procured from an examination of the entire site, including accurate soundings or borings to rock or other firm material, determination of the physical character of the material from a load-bearing standpoint, and other structural features, and the plotting of the data in an orderly pattern for study, analysis and conclusions as to suitability, treatment and construction requirements, costs, and such other information as is necessary. Motion was seconded by Mr. Larson.

Mr. Elliot stated that such a report is essential in order to provide the Trustees with information which they will need to give consideration to the project. He further stated that a report such as is suggested would mean taking soundings to be charted, also samples of material that would be encountered, showing character of soil; what disposition can be made of the dense mangrove that would have to be removed.

Mr. Albert W. Dorgan, landscape architect, of Homestead, spoke at considerable length on the proposed site. He believes it not to be the proper location for a project of this size, which is to be for the benefit of the entire western hemisphere. He stated that the meeting was held in Jacksonville when decision was reached to select the Graves Tract as a site for the project and that the men making the decision had in most cases not viewed the tract. As principal objections to the Graves Tract, Mr. Dorgan stated that traffic into Miami would be forever blocked; that there is not sufficient space for the building of the proposed Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center which is intended to accommodate the many nations of the western hemisphere as well as numerous business locations for displaying operations and products of the United States and other nations; that with the limited space the buildings and displays would not be extensive enough to draw such crowds as would bring in income sufficient to pay off the bonds. He submitted maps showing the site he is recommending for the Center, consisting of 4500 acres, which he stated was admirably located in so far as roads, water supply and electricity is concerned, and which could probably be made ready for the project for less than one-third the cost of filling and making ready the Graves Tract. He estimates the actual available space of filled area in the Graves Tract to be around 400 acres.

Mr. Dorgan further stated he had worked on this idea for about 19 years and has prepared numerous plans for different locations. He will be glad to have anything he has prepared used in developing the project. Also, read by him to the Trustees was a letter from the R.F.C. stating that loan could not be made for financing the project on the Graves Tract because of the very doubtful soundness of the undertaking from a financial viewpoint.

Governor Johns called for a vote on Mr. Mayo's motion, and motion was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Elliot stated that the water gauging stations matter presented by the Comptroller, based upon report from Colonel A. G. Matthews that there were insufficient funds in the Water Survey account to continue the work, was referred to the Engineer for Trustees. He recommended that three (3) stations, to-wit: one (1) near St. Augustine, strictly a source of domestic water supply for that city; one (1) in Lee County, for the reason that Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District's plans contemplate completely changing the complexion of that station; one (1) on Peace River, Bartow, local and State Board of Health—be not included in those to receive Internal Improvement Funds. He further recommended that the remaining twenty (20) stations be assumed as to the cooperative part of the expense—50% by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund from July 1, 1954, till June 30, 1955, at a cost of \$8000.00 as the Trustees' part.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that recommendations as made by Mr. Elliot be approved and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund contribute to support of water gauge stations as above set forth.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, approving: Report No. 582 listing 36 regular bids, subject to any protests that may be filed under the rules; 44 State Road Department quitclaim deeds; and 1 Hillsborough County Duplicate Deed, approved by Attorney General's office.

Mr. Elliot submitted request from Texas Company that the Trustees advertise their reserved interest in oil, gas and other minerals pursuant to Chapter 22824, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1945, the advertisement to be for a minimum annual rental of \$1.00 per acre and minimum royalty of $\frac{1}{8}$ of all gas and oil. In the event it is the successful bidder, Texas Company is to defray advertising costs. Area applied for is 40 acres in Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 29 West, Santa Rosa County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, authorizing advertisement of Trustees' interest in oil, gas and other minerals as above described.

APPLICATION—HERNANDO COUNTY—Pursuant to request by former owner, Helen MacLean, for deed to Murphy Act lands under provisions of Chapter 28317, the Clerk of the Circuit Court having advised that all requirements under said chapter have been met by applicant, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, authorizing issuance of deed in favor of Helen MacLean covering 2 acres in $S\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$, being west 2 acres of $S\frac{1}{2}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ in Section 2,

Township 22 South, Range 19 East, Hernando County, the Trustees receiving \$10.00 therefor.

APPLICATION—ALACHUA COUNTY—Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County desire to acquire title to four (4) parcels, to be in turn conveyed to the Alachua County Board of Public Instruction. Three persons, former owners, declare their intention of filing applications for deeds under provisions of Chapter 28317. The Board of Commissioners and these three applicants have agreed that if conveyance be made to the county under provisions of Chapter 21684, the county will pay to the applicants an agreed upon amount. This arrangement is for facilitating the time in which conveyance can be made direct to the county.

Parcels included in application are:

Lot 8, Block "A" Goodmans Addition to Gainesville; Lots 1 and 2, or N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Block 2, Range 6, Goss First Addition to Gainesville;

South 56 ft. of North 112 ft. of Lot 29, less 15-foot strip on each side for road, Doig's Addition to Gainesville.

Amount received by Trustees—\$27.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that conveyance be made direct to Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County as requested.

APPLICATION—BAY COUNTY—Mr. Elliot discussed application of Ronald C. Brugh for purchase under provisions of Chapter 28317 of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 4 South, Range 13 West, 40 acres in Bay County, for which Mr. Brugh is offering \$200.00 and also depositing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Bay County the full amount required under provisions of Chapter 28317. The only tax sale certificate held by the state is No. 127 of August 1, 1898. Mr. Brugh's application was submitted September 17. Also, application was made to purchase under regular Murphy Act procedure, land had been advertised and sale was held on September 21—4 days after application was made by Mr. Brugh—at which sale high bid was in amount of \$587.00. Under provisions of Chapter 28317 the former owner has preference to purchase at any time prior to issuance of deed. Because of the considerably larger amount of the high bid received at sale, the Trustees may desire to give consideration to the sufficiency of the offer under Chapter 28317.

Mr. Brugh, being present, stated that he has owned this property for some time. It is located in the middle of other property which he owns, and the high bidder offered to sell the parcel to him if the Trustees issue deed based on the high bid. Mr. Brugh further stated that he has been put to considerable expense on account of this parcel—around \$1100.00 including payment to Trustees of \$200.00.

Upon statement being made by Mr. Elliot that right to re-acquire title is given to former owner by Chapter 28317, motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously adopted, that

deed be issued in favor of Mr. Brugh under provisions of Chapter 28317, for consideration of \$200.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that certain certificates in Alachua, Citrus, Dixie and Okaloosa Counties be cancelled, as approved by the Attorney General's office.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 12, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Fuller Warren, former Governor, appeared before the Trustees on behalf of Inter-American Center Authority, protesting against action taken by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund on October 5, which action requested that the Authority furnish the Trustees with a comprehensive engineering report, supported by data procured from an examination of the site (the Graves Tract), et cetera. This action was pursuant to report made by Mr. A. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer, from a visual inspection of the Graves Tract over a period of one (1) day, his report being supplemented by several paragraphs by Mr. Elliot, Engineer for Trustees.

Mr. Warren prefaced his remarks with the following questions:

1. What is the understanding as to terms and conditions on which the \$150,000 was released several weeks ago to the Authority?
2. What is the understanding of the understanding that was reached in informal discussion with the Governor and the Attorney General?

Mr. Ervin stated the grant of the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund for assisting the Inter-American Center Authority to pay preliminary expenses was predicated on this basis: That the money would be turned over to the State Board of Administration, which

would act as fiscal agent; they would pay the necessary legitimate expense in taking care of the preliminary cost. Authorization for this is found in the Act creating the Authority wherein state agencies may assist. The Trustees proceeded on those grounds. That he and the Governor had objected to the Graves Tract as not being a favorable site as it was represented it would cost 40 to 50 million dollars to make that site suitable for the mart. It was suggested that Mr. Elliot have an examination made of the tract. He sent Rees Williams. Mr. Elliot reported back to us that while he found some conditions there that ought to be investigated, the Trustees should not substitute their authority in place of the Inter-American Center Authority as to the site; that we should take the report of the Authority as to costs, et cetera. Later, Tuesday 2 weeks ago, a meeting was held in the Governor's office with representatives from the Authority. They came to this understanding: That if the engineers of the Inter-American Center Authority attested the fact that it would cost only five (5) million dollars to put the Graves Tract into condition for the mart and would make affidavit to that, and the Authority would make such a statement, it would satisfy us. This had already been discussed with them at a breakfast at the Governor's Mansion. This occurred when Mr. Gay, Mr. Larson and Mr. Mayo were out of town. It was later agreed that the money which had been held up would be released. Later there came in a statement from the engineers as to fixing the site and letter from the Authority, which were transmitted to Mr. Elliot. He, Mr. Ervin, was not present at the Trustees' meeting on October 5th and was very embarrassed when he learned of the action taken. It was represented by the Authority that this matter had been pushed very fast and matters were in position to go ahead and finance the project. Action taken by the Trustees on October 5th put a chill on the sale of the bonds.

Mr. Warren stated he had been working on this project for about five years, including time when he was Governor and since his term of office expired. He estimates 2½ million tourists will come to Florida each year because of this mart; that it will bring employment for about 20,000 persons in various lines of work; that it will bring in many millions of dollars of additional income to the state. The project has been approved by the Inter-American Center Authority, which consists of ten (10) members in addition to the Governor, six of whom are outstanding bankers of this state. The Graves Tract has been under examination for nearly five years, has been studied by engineers, by bankers, by public officials, and they have all reached the conclusion the location is satisfactory. There is on record a finding that \$5,000,000 will put the location in shape to put this project on it. The Dade County Commissioners passed a resolution attesting to the soundness of the Graves Tract for the location of the project. It boils down to this: we either get the project at the Graves Tract or we do not get it at all—it is down the drain. Five years of labor and perseverance is down the drain. It is believed the bonds will be sold to private investors.

Mr. Mayo inquired if any endeavor had been made to borrow \$150,000.00 from any of the bankers on the committee of the Au-

thority for supporting the preliminary costs. Mr. Warren replied that one of the bankers had been approached for a loan but had said he would not invest any money in the project. He found none of the bankers enthusiastic about putting money into it.

Mr. Ervin stated that when he was in New York, Mr. Beach of the Bankers Trust Company stated the project was a great thing and he would do all he could to assist.

Mr. Warren said further he had proposed that the bankers of this state buy up some of the bonds, but he did not hear a cheep out of them. He was later told the banking laws would not permit investments in this sort of thing. He would have to admit the banks are very reluctant to put any money into the project. The Ebasco Services, Inc., an engineering firm, is now making a thorough examination of the tract and it will be based on this report that the bonds will sell. A favorable report is anticipated.

Mr. Larson moved that action taken last week requesting that the Authority furnish the Trustees with a comprehensive engineering report, supported by data procured from an examination of the entire site, et cetera, be reconsidered.

Governor Johns stated he favored reconsidering the action taken on the 5th of October, especially in view of the fact that so much money has been spent on the project.

Commisioner Mayo said he could not go along with this action. He sees no reason for not having a comprehensive survey by competent engineers to see if the project will bring in the income that the Authority anticipates. He believes this is one of the greatest projects for Florida that has ever been started and he is certainly all for it. It will be helpful not only to the state but to the United States; but he believes before the Trustees absolutely endorse it, they should have more information and more data in the way of a comprehensive survey. He has no doubt the bonds will sell in the present market, but does Florida want to sell bonds that will not pay off?

Dr. W. H. Walker, Standing Chairman of the Committee, stated they have had about 30 engineers on the project, the biggest in the United States. None of the Authority are promoters. The Center must either make a go of it now or fold. From the beginning Messrs. Dorgan and Horobin have been hounding the Authority on matter of location, even going to Washington to the R.F.C. to defeat the loan. No one could have cooperated with Dade County and the Authority better than have the Governor and his Cabinet. Now to begin a new investigation would seem to throw doubt on the whole thing. It seems one should have confidence in something. The Legislature has authorized the project and those in high authority have been consulted. The report from Ebasco, Inc., will be in hand in a few days. The report will show that Inter-American Cultural and Trade Center will pay out in less than five years. The State of Florida will then own something worth \$150,000,000.00 without paying out a cent.

Mr. Ervin seconded motion made by Mr. Larson.

Governor Johns called for a vote on motion to reconsider action taken on October 5. Results were:

Affirmative: Governor Johns, Attorney General Ervin, Treasurer Larson.

Commissioner Mayo declined to vote.

Motion so stood adopted.

Mr. Larson then moved that Trustees approve the original amount of \$150,000.00 to be released to the Authority, and that the Board go on record as having full confidence in the Authority in selecting the Graves Tract. Seconded by Mr. Ervin.

A vote being called for, results were:

Affirmative: Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer.

Commissioner Mayo declined to vote.

Motion stood adopted.

Mr. Wells presented request from Mr. James Whitehurst on behalf of Whitehurst & Sons, Incorporated, for quitclaim deed from the Trustees covering the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, Township 23 South, Range 21 East, Hernando County. It was explained that applicants purchased this land under tax deed in 1941, and under a decision in a case entitled Trustees vs. Bass, the Trustees have lost title to the land. Mr. Wells recommended that the deed be issued upon payment of \$1.00 an acre, which is the offer made by Mr. Whitehurst.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Whitehurst & Sons, Incorporated, upon payment of one dollar (\$1.00) an acre.

Mr. William A. Sheppard, on behalf of Mr. Forrest Walker, offers \$20.00 an acre for purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, Collier County, containing 166 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$20.00 an acre.

Mr. George O. Lea and Mr. J. Hardin Peterson, on behalf of Mr. M. E. Dildine, offer \$150.00 an acre for 2.8 acres of submerged land in Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, adjoining upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer submitted.

Mr. William S. Boylston, on behalf of Mr. John S. Clark, offers \$200.00 an acre for 3 acres of submerged land in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections and competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. E. W. Beck submitted an offer of \$100.00 an acre for purchase of one (1) acre of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale subject to objections only, based on the offer submitted.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has received reports that parties are trespassing on Lake Conway, Orange County, dredging material from the bottom of the lake without permission from the Trustees; that the lake is a meandered navigable body of water, the title to which is in the state by right of its sovereignty.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Attorney General's office be authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to stop and/or prevent trespass on property owned by the state, in the instant case the dredging of material from the bottom of Lake Conway without permission of Trustees.

Mr. Elliot presented the following letter from Coastal Petroleum Company with reference to Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, in which letter request is made that the Trustees adopt a resolution as to statements made in said letter and compliance by said company as to the terms and conditions of said leases; that the Attorney General's office has examined the said proposed resolution and approved the same for adoption:

September 22, 1954

The Honorable
The Trustees of the Internal Improvement
Fund of the State of Florida

Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Attention: Mr. Fred C. Elliot, Secretary

Gentlemen:

By Resolutions adopted on February 14, 1950, and May 24, 1950, reported in Vol. 27 of the Minutes of the Trustees at pages 624 and 744, the Trustees recognized that the drilling obligations under State Lease 248 had been fulfilled for the period ending December 19, 1949; that the drilling obligations under State Lease 224-A had been fulfilled for the period ending December 27, 1949; and that the drill-

ing obligations under State Lease 224-B had been fulfilled for the period ending March 27, 1951, subject to a footage deficit of 2,949 feet in the case of Drilling Lease 224-B, which the Trustees permitted to be carried over to the drilling obligations for the succeeding term of that lease commencing on March 27, 1951. By virtue of the said resolutions, Lease No. 248 was extended for a further term of five years commencing on December 19, 1949; Lease No. 224-A was extended for a further term of five years commencing on December 27, 1949; and Lease No. 224-B was extended for a further term of five years commencing on March 27, 1951.

Drilling Lease 248 requires the drilling of 12,000 feet during each five-year period of that lease, and Drilling Leases 224-A and 224-B each require the drilling of 24,000 feet during each five-year period of those leases. By Resolution adopted on December 4, 1951, reported in Vol. 28, page 600 *et sequitur*, of the Minutes of the Trustees, the drilling requirements under Leases 224-A and 224-B were reduced for the second five-year terms of those leases so as to provide that the drilling obligations under Lease 224-A would be satisfied by the drilling of 8,562 feet during the second five-year term of that lease, and that the drilling obligations under Lease 224-B would be satisfied by the drilling of 9,073 feet during the second five-year term of that lease, plus the drilling of an additional 2,949 feet during said second five-year term, representing the footage deficit which the Company was permitted to carry over from the first five-year term of Lease 224-B.

This Resolution was adopted by reason of the cloud cast upon the title to these leases by the decisions of the Supreme Court in the so-called "Tidelands Cases." It was adopted pursuant to paragraph numbered 23 of Leases 224-A and 224-B, and worked a *pro tanto* abatement of the drilling requirements of those leases in the same manner and for the same reasons that annual rentals under said leases were abated by Resolution adopted on December 13, 1949, reported in Vol. 27 of the Minutes of the Trustees, pages 514-516, and supplementary proceedings thereon, reported at pages 523-527 of said Vol. 27.

By Act of Congress signed by the President on May 22, 1953, the State's title to the areas covered by Leases 224-A and 224-B was restored. On July 7, 1953, the Trustees adopted a Resolution returning said leases to full contract requirements as of July 21, 1953, and fixing the amount of rentals due on said leases for the then-current rental year, based on the proportion of acreage within the leasehold areas which had been affected by the said "Tidelands Cases" and the proportion of the then-current rental year during which such acreage had been so affected.

Coastal Petroleum Company respectfully requests that drilling requirements for the second five-year terms of Leases 224-A and 224-B as abated *pro tanto* by the aforementioned Resolution of December 4, 1951, be now finally determined and returned to full contract requirements as of July 21, 1953, in like manner as rental requirements were determined by the aforementioned Resolution of July 7, 1953.

Applying the method of calculation used in said Resolution of July 7, 1953, it is suggested that the drilling requirements of Leases 224-A and 224-B, restored to full contract status as of July 21, 1953, are as follows:

LEASE 224-A

1. Period from Commencement of second five year term (12-27-49) to date of reinstatement to full contract requirements (7-21-53) equals 1301 days or $\frac{1301}{1825}$ of second five-year term.
2. Period from date of reinstatement to full contract requirements (7-21-53) to end of second five-year term 12-26-54 equals 524 days or $\frac{524}{1825}$ of second five-year term.
3. Footage requirement from commencement of second five-year term to date of reinstatement to full contract requirements equals $\frac{1301 \times 8562 \text{ feet}}{1825}$ or 6103.65 feet.
4. Footage requirement from date of reinstatement to full contract requirements to end of second-five-year term equals $\frac{524 \times 24,000 \text{ feet}}{1825}$ or 6890.95 feet.
5. Total footage requirement for second five-year term, reinstated to full contract requirements as of July 21, 1953, equals 6104 feet plus 6891 feet, or a total of 12,995 feet.

LEASE 224-B

1. Period from commencement of second five-year term (3-27-51) to date of reinstatement to full contract requirements (7-21-53) equals 846 days or $\frac{846}{1825}$ of second five-year term.
2. Period from date of reinstatement to full contract requirements (7-21-53) to end of second five-year term (3-26-56) equals 979 days or $\frac{979}{1825}$ of second five-year term.
3. Footage requirement from commencement of second five-year term to date of reinstatement to full contract requirements equals $\frac{846 \times 9073 \text{ feet}}{1825}$ or 4205.89 feet.
4. Footage requirement from date of reinstatement to full contract requirements to end of second five-year term equal $\frac{979 \times 24,000 \text{ feet}}{1825}$ or 12,874.52 feet.
5. Total footage requirement for second five-year terms, reinstated to full contract requirements as of July 21, 1953, equals 4206 feet plus 12.875 feet, or a total of 17,081 feet, to which must be added the deficit of 2,949

feet carried over from the first five-year term, making a grand total of 20,030 feet.

It is requested that the Trustees, by appropriate resolution, find and determine that the foregoing calculations correctly set forth the drilling requirements for the second five-year terms of Leases 224-A and 224-B, and that said calculations fully comply with the provisions of Paragraph Number 23 of those leases, and with the provisions of the aforementioned Resolution of December 4, 1951.

Since the adoption of the aforementioned Resolutions of February 14, 1950, and May 24, 1950, Coastal Petroleum Company has drilled or participated in the drilling of the following footage in the State of Florida, which footage has been either drilled upon or allocated to State Drilling Leases held by the Company from the Trustees:

<i>Well</i>	<i>Spudding and Completion Dates</i>	<i>Total Depth</i>
Coastal No. 1 Tiedtke Section 25, T42S, R33E Glades County, Florida	Sp. 3/11/53 Compl. 7/11/53	13,424 feet
Commonwealth No. 1 Wischart *Section 16, T54S, R35E Dade County, Florida	Sp. 7/25/53 Compl. 1/28/54	11,557 feet
Gulf No. 1 State Lease 340 Section 18, T54S, R36E Dade County, Florida	Sp. 12/16/53 Compl. 4/5/54	11,352 feet
Gulf No. 1 Vanderbilt Section 35, T14S, R21E Charlotte County, Florida	Sp. 11/28/53 Compl. 3/11/54	12,722 feet
Sinclair No. 1 Williams Section 24, T59S, R40E Monroe County, Florida	Sp. 1/21/53 Compl. 8/31/53	11,968 feet
Total		61,023 feet

Pursuant to the practice followed by the Trustees in the above-mentioned Resolutions of February 14, 1950, and May 24, 1950, it is respectfully requested that, of the foregoing footage, which has been drilled since the adoption of those Resolutions, 45,025 feet be credited to the drilling requirements of the current five-year terms of State Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248 as follows:

To Lease 248	12,000 feet
To Lease 224-A	12,995 feet
To Lease 224-B	20,030 feet
Total	45,025 feet

* There is uncertainty as to the true location of this well. The above reference to Section 16 as the well's location is for the purpose of identification only, and is not a representation as to the well's true location.

It is further requested that the foregoing allocation of 12,000 feet to Lease 248 be taken as full satisfaction of the drilling requirements under that lease for the five-year term ending December 19, 1954, and that the said lease be declared to be extended for an additional term of five years commencing on December 19, 1954; that the foregoing allocation of 12,995 feet to Lease 224-A be taken as full satisfaction of the drilling requirements under said lease for the five-year term ending December 27, 1954, and that the said lease be declared to be extended for a further term of five years commencing on December 27, 1954; and that the foregoing allocation of 20,030 feet to Lease 224-B be taken as full satisfaction of the drilling requirements under said lease for the five-year term ending March 27, 1956, and as full satisfaction of the aforementioned deficit of 2,949 feet carried over from the first five-year term of said lease; and that the said lease be declared to be extended for a further term of five years commencing on March 27, 1956.

As will be noted, this requested allocation of footage leaves an unallocated balance of footage in the sum of 15,998 feet which has been drilled since the adoption of the aforementioned Resolutions of February 14, 1950, and May 24, 1950. With respect to this unallocated footage, permission is requested to credit the same to future drilling obligations under State Drilling leases held by Coastal Petroleum Company in such manner as may be subsequently agreed upon by the Company and the Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

COASTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY
(s) Benjamin W. Heath, President

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the expiration dates of the second five-year terms of State Drilling Lease No. 248 as modified, State Drilling Lease No. 224-A as modified, and State Drilling Lease No. 224-B as modified, are, respectively, December 19, 1954, December 27, 1954, and March 27, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company, lessee under the said State leases as modified, has requested the Trustees to acknowledge the lessee's full compliance with the drilling requirements of said leases during the said second five-year terms thereof; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated September 22, 1954, copy of which is annexed hereto, Coastal Petroleum Company has submitted a review of the footage drilled and to be credited to said leases for the second five-year terms thereof, and the Trustees, having examined said review, do find that the same accurately sets forth the footage drilled and to be credited to the said leases, and do further find that the drilling requirements for the second five-year terms of said Leases have been correctly calculated in said review;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforementioned letter from Coastal Petroleum Company to the Trustees dated September 22, 1954, copy of which is annexed hereto, be and the same hereby is incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution and of the minutes of this meeting, and that the calculation of the drilling footage requirements for the second five-year terms of State Drilling Leases No. 224-A as modified, No. 224-B as modified and 248 as modified, as set forth in the aforementioned letter, be and it is hereby found and determined by the Trustees to be correct and accurate, and to be in full compliance with the provisions of said leases, and to be in full compliance with the provisions of paragraph numbered 23 of the aforementioned Leases 224-A and 224-B, as modified, and with the provisions of that certain Resolution adopted by the Trustees on December 4, 1951, pursuant to said paragraph numbered 23, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the allocation of footage credit to State Drilling Leases 224-A as modified, 224-B as modified, and 248, as modified, proposed in the aforementioned letter, be and the same hereby is adopted and approved by the Trustees; by reason whereof, the Trustees do hereby acknowledge and declare that the drilling obligations under State Lease 248, as modified, for the five-year term ending December 19, 1954 have been fully satisfied, and that the said lease is thereby extended for an additional term of five years commencing on December 19, 1954; that the drilling obligations under State Lease 224-A, as modified, for the five-year term ending December 27, 1954, have been fully satisfied, and that the said lease is thereby extended for an additional term of five years commencing on December 27, 1954; that the drilling obligations under State Lease 224-B, as modified, for the five-year term ending March 27, 1956, have been fully satisfied, and that the said lease is thereby extended for an additional term of five years commencing on March 27, 1956; and that the deficit of 2,949 feet which existed at the end of the primary term of Lease No. 224-B and which, by resolution adopted by the Trustees on May 24, 1950, was permitted to be carried over to the second five-year term of said Lease 224-B, has been fully satisfied and discharged; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the surplus footage in the sum of 15,998 feet referred to in the aforementioned letter from Coastal Petroleum Company be and the same hereby is recognized by the Trustees to be available for allocation to future drilling obligations under State Drilling Leases held by Coastal Petroleum Company in such manner as the Trustees and Coastal Petroleum Company may subsequently agree upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be and he hereby is authorized and directed to furnish a certified copy of this resolution to Coastal Petroleum Company for its files and records, as evidence of full compliance by said Coastal Petroleum Company with the drilling requirements of State Drilling Leases 224-A, as modified, 224-B, as modified, and 248, as modified, for the five-year terms of said leases ending respectively on December 27, 1954, March

27, 1956, and December 19, 1954, and as evidence that each of said leases has thereby been extended for a further term of five years, commencing respectively on December 27, 1954 in the case of Lease 224-A, as modified, and on March 27, 1956 in the case of Lease 224-B as modified, and on December 19, 1954, in the case of Lease 248, as modified.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 583 listing fourteen (14) regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution and delivery of St. Johns County Deed No. 868-Cor. to Annie Samec, Mary Ellen Partin, Frank Samec, John Felix Samec and Herman Philip Samec, to correct name of grantee in original deed dated February 1, 1950, the Attorney General's office having approved such correction.

Application was presented from Jimmie J. Nichols for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953, of Lots 3 and 4, Block 278 Greater Apalachicola, Franklin County, for which he offers \$10.00. Information was furnished that applicant purchased the lots from former owners; that the present owner has paid taxes on the land since 1947, and has deposited with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Franklin County an amount equal to all unpaid taxes against the property since 1893, to June 9, 1939, including interest and costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots described under provisions of Chapter 28317, at the price offered, the applicant having complied with the said law.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates under the Murphy Act covering land in Alachua and Franklin Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title to the land covered by said certificates vested in the State under Chapter 18296.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 19, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes of July 20 and October 5, 1954, as presented by the Secretary, copies having been furnished each member.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—Dr. Calvin W. Davis makes application for purchase of 3.4 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Don F. Cameron and wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for 4 acres of land lying adjacent to their upland property in Bahama Beach Replat, Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East.

Mr. Wells recommended a price of \$100.00 an acre for the Volusia County land, and acceptance of the offer of \$200.00 an acre for Pinellas County land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, at the price recommended by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells reported that on April 15, 1954, Mr. J. Hardin Peterson, Jr., on behalf of John E. Tsavaris, paid \$4,100.00, on the basis of \$100.00 an acre, for the purchase of 41 acres of submerged land in Pasco County; that a survey has since been made and the acreage was determined to be 29.88 acres instead of 41. Purchaser is requesting a refund of \$1,112.00 which is the difference in purchase price.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Land Office be authorized to make refund of the amount overpaid for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that blanket authority be given for refunds to be made by

the Land Office where payments are made in excess of the purchase price for the land.

Financial statements for the month of September, 1954, are as follows.

UNDER CHARTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1954		\$157,916.11
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	35,824.30	
Land Sales—Chapter 14717—Broward Co.	5.00	
Quitclaim Deeds	369.00	
Interest—FSIC Lower Tampa Bay		
Bridge Bonds	1,875.00	
Interest from U. S. Treasury Bonds	5,000.00	
Certified Copy Trustees I. I. Minutes	2.00	
Mineral Leases	76.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	13,982.93	
Grazing Leases	421.80	
Less Returned Check	142.00	
Grazing Leases—Net	279.80	279.80
Land Lease		275.00
Timber Lease	468.20	
Less Returned Check	468.20	
Timber Lease—Net	0.00	0.00
Oil Lease	84.91	
Total Receipts for the Month	\$57,773.94	57,773.94
Grand Total		215,690.05
Less Disbursements for the Month		72,760.60
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1954		\$142,929.45

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9- 7-54	53794	John D. Moriarty	\$ 16.70
9- 9-54	54818	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer,	
		Tr. to State School Fund	25,825.45
	54819	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Board Conservation	9,346.16
9- 9-54	56021	John D. Moriarty	15.30
	56022	A. R. Williams	28.89
	56023	Joe A. Kelleher	1,500.00
9-15-54	61521	Southeastern Telephone Co.	139.95
	61522	Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.55
	61523	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.05
	61524	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	42.10
	61525	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	4.70
	61526	John D. Moriarty	15.10
9-16-54	64407	Holland Kelley	25.00
	64408	Jos. A. Kelleher	290.73
9-30-54	70035	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	70036	A. R. Williams	432.88

	70037	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	70038	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	70039	J. B. Linn	365.08
	70040	M. O. Barco	373.95
	70041	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	70042	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	70043	Wayne Howell	300.95
	70044	C. E. Halley	139.30
	70045	Sinclair Wells	213.75
	70046	C. M. Greene	47.50
	70047	R. N. Landers	26.13
	70048	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	70049	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	70050	Professional Life Insurance Co.	5.25
	70051	5% Retirement Fund	206.50
	70052	Federal Tax	499.80
9-28-54	76414	W. R. Culbreath	28.46
9-22-54	69867	J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer, Tr. to Supreme Court for construction and repairs	30,000.00
9-24-54	73681	Jos. A. Kelleher	846.48
9-22-54	70762	A. R. Williams	19.87
9-27-54	74905	Judge B. Helms, CCC	1.60
	74906	Edwards' Surveying & Blueprinting	60.00
	74907	Rose Printing Company	1.50
DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1954			\$72,760.60

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of September 1, 1954	\$250.00
Receipts for the Month	0.00
Disbursements for the Month	0.00
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1954	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

September 1, 1954	\$729.40
September 16, 1954	254.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$983.40

Disbursements for the Month:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9-30-54	71075	E. Hewitt	\$360.97
	71076	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	71077	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	71078	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
	71079	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1954	\$733.73
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 584 listing 70 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

The State Road Department makes application for right of way across Murphy Act Land in Section 34, Township 9 South, Range 18 East, Alachua County, lying within 40 feet of the centerline of State Road S-241, Section 2661.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the request be granted and right of way easement executed covering the parcel applied for.

Messrs. James L. Davis and J. W. Nobles made application for purchase of land under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, said land being described as one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre, more or less, in the Southwest corner of Perkins Tract, Scott's Addition to Monticello, located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Jefferson County. Applicants offer \$25.00 for the parcel. Statement has been furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County that applicants have deposited with him an amount equal to all taxes that would have been due on the land since 1893.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 of 1953, covering the land described.

Mr. Elliot reported that on September 14, 1954 the Trustees took action declining all bids sent in on Walton County reports dating back to 1950 and 1951, however a bid by M. M. Rouden listed on Report 139, sale of November 3, 1950 was in the process of being completed at the time said action was taken. The Clerk requests that the offer of \$100.00 from Mr. Rouden, high bidder at sale, be accepted for purchase of Lot 46, subdivision of Section 15, Township 2 South, Range 20 West, containing 10 acres in Walton County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action as to Report No. 139 and accept the bid of \$100.00 from Mr. Rouden for the lot described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Okaloosa County Certificate No. 370 of 1926, the Attorney General's Office having advised that no title vested in the state to the land covered by said certificate.

Mr. Elliot explained that there were cases of abuse of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, known as the "Hardship Act," and he would suggest that a memorandum be prepared outlining requirements for further and more detailed information before action is taken, such as detailed statement of taxes that would have been assessed against the property, including taxes since 1939, and some showing that the case should come under this law.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be approved.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 26, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated October 12, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

SUWANNEE COUNTY—On August 24, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 an acre, and on August 31, 1954, considered offer of \$10.00 an acre, for purchase of the following described land:

John H. Rowland, Jr.—NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 3 South, Range 13 East, containing 39.69 acres, more or less;

Guy C. Walker—NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 6 South, Range 14 East, containing 40 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offers made, and notice of the sale was published

in the Live Oak Democrat on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out the description of the two parcels and announced the bids made for each parcel. The only bid received for the first parcel was \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Rowland. The highest offer received for the second parcel was \$11.00 an acre from Mrs. J. D. Franklin.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Rowland and the offer of \$11.00 an acre from Mrs. Franklin for the Suwannee County land and confirm sale in favor of each for the respective parcels of land.

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date, to which numerous objections have been filed:

1. Dr. Bradley Waldron, applicant, on September 21, 1954 offered \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay, Section 22, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, lying East of Cow and Calf Key and West of the westerly R/W line of the Sunshine Skyway, containing 10 acres, more or less. Advertised for competitive bids;
2. Mr. Joe Kelleher, applicant, on September 21, 1954, offered \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay, in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, running North and South between the Main Channel and Bunces Pass, containing 102 acres, more or less. Advertised for competitive bids;
3. Mr. Joe Kelleher, applicant, on August 31, 1954, offered \$1,500.00 an acre for a small mangrove flat, commonly called "Little Bird Key," in Section 20, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 2 acres, more or less. Advertised for objections only;
4. Mr. Joe Kelleher, applicant, on September 14, 1954, offered \$100.00 an acre for three (3) parcels of submerged bottoms in Tampa Bay, in Township 32 South, Range 16 East: Parcel No. 1, containing 17.1 acres; Parcel No. 2, containing 98.1 acres; Parcel No. 3 containing 108.6 acres, all acreage more or less. Advertised for objections only.

Mr. Wells stated that the above parcels were advertised in the Clearwater Sun on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954, and copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the several parcels were called out and written objections were filed to the sale of each by the following:

City of St. Petersburg Beach, Ben F. Overton, City Attorney
City Council, City of St. Petersburg. Filed by Jennie Cook, Clerk
of the City Council

City of Maderia Beach. Filed by E. C. Brandon, Jr.

City of Gulfport—Resolution

Town of Pass-A-Grille Beach. Filed by Harold S. McPherson, Mayor.

Town of Don CeSar Place, Jack Clark, Attorney

Town of Redington Beach. Filed by R. H. Honecker, Town Clerk

Town Council of Belle Vista Beach. Filed by Arthur T. Ratcliffe, City Attorney

Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, Frank M. Frankland, President

St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, William F. Davenport, Manager and Ben F. Overton, Attorney

Hillsborough County Commissioners

Pinellas Board of County Commissioners

Manatee County Board of County Commissioners

The Park Board of Pinellas County

Walter P. Fuller and George T. Turner

Ed W. Harris, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Rosselli

John D. Harris, on behalf of Albert Roberts, Jr. as Trustee for J. Shirley Gracy, William H. Mills, Harry R. Playford, Ray E. Dogan, Weyman Willingham, Albert Roberts, Jr. and J. Roy Dee. Also for San Marcos Investment Company, Inc. and Roy L. Dew.

J. C. Dew, on behalf of San Marcos Investment Company and Roy L. Dew and Albert Roberts, Jr.

In addition to written objections a delegation from the Pinellas-Hillsborough-Manatee Counties area was present to protest sale of the parcels described, and Governor Johns invited those who desired to present their case.

Mr. Ben F. Overton, City Attorney of St. Petersburg, representing the City, also the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Pinellas County, verbally protested sale of the lands on grounds substantially as follows: That the Trustees are authorized to sell submerged lands so long as sales do not impair the rights of the public and this sale would impair the rights of Pinellas County and surrounding area; that it would jeopardize the plans of Pinellas County to connect Mullet Key, owned by the county with the mainland or the Gulf beaches by a causeway. The possible route of the proposed causeway would go through the area advertised for sale; that right of way for the causeway is not the only point to be considered as the county contemplates developing a recreational area; that the area is important to Pinellas County and the west coast as it is the one last stronghold for public beaches; that if the land should be filled in and developed, which it is understood is the plan of the proposed purchasers, it would very probably deflect the tides and cause erosion on the beaches; that the sale would interfere with plans of the Inland Waterway Commission for the proposed inland channel connecting with lower Boca Ciega Bay; that sale will impair right of the public and it is urged that the land be retained for public use by governmental bodies in that area that are planning to develop these tracts as public recreational areas, such as beaches and parks.

Mr. Overton stated that his verbal protest was covered in the written protest filed with the Trustees.

Mr. Joseph Kelleher, applicant for all except one of the parcels, urged that Little Bird Key be withdrawn from the protested area and sold to him, as he was the high bidder when Jackass Key was sold and after the sale it was found that the Trustees did not have title, and he agreed to pay \$1500.00 an acre for Little Bird Key.

Mr. Overton stated that while Little Bird Key was classed as an island, it was really submerged land at high tide and was completely covered by water every twenty-four hours; that it was in the same category as the other parcels and its sale is also protested.

Mr. Clyde Keyes, County Commissioner of Pinellas County, also explained that Little Bird Key is submerged land; that if it is sold and dredging and filling takes place it will impair the rights of adjoining property owners.

Upon inquiry from Mr. Mayo as to length of the proposed causeway and whether it will be a toll road, Mr. Overton and Mr. Keyes stated that the distance will be about five (5) miles and that it will be a toll road.

Mr. Overton pointed out that as far as Little Bird Key is concerned he realizes there is a possible legal question involved, but if sold into private ownership the owner could possibly make claim as an upland owner and have the right to fill in adjoining areas.

Mr. Wells stated that all Government plats designated Little Bird as a key and not submerged land, and it was on that basis that it was advertised; that areas that were land 100 years ago may be submerged today, but no recent surveys have been made and the old plats are all the state has to go by.

Mr. Mercer Brown, Chairman of the Planning Committee of the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, pointed out an area that he stated is vitally important to the City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas County and other municipalities and public agencies in that vicinity; that they are asking the Trustees to withdraw from public sale all land—not only submerged land—to the extent the state is authorized, for a reasonable period until the county can perfect its engineering plans and decide what areas will be needed; that Little Bird Key also not be sold until it can be determined whether it is submerged or upland as it is an anchor point between the Sunshine Skyway and Cabbage Key; that the Department of the Interior has made the statement that in their opinion Little Bird Key is submerged land. The city suggests that all lands be withdrawn for a period of two (2) years.

Mr. Keyes and Mr. Brown stated that there is no objection to the sale of another parcel of land applied for by Dr. Bradley Waldron, described as 8 acres lying southeasterly of Panama Key, as it is on the Gulf of Mexico and does not come within the proposed development of the county.

Mr. Kelleher stated that the Panama Key area was as important to the development as Little Bird Key, and it was discrimination and unfair that Little Bird Key not be sold to him; that he has spent considerable sums of money to develop his plan and bring in new interests to develop these areas; that he has agreed to give the county and municipality any right of way they need; that his plan will have to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

Mr. John D. Harris of St. Petersburg, representing property owners on Pine Key and Cabbage Key, registered protest to the sale of Little Bird Key on the ground that it is not an island but is submerged land and if sold will cut off the owners on Pine and Cabbage Keys from their riparian rights; that his clients have been paying taxes for years on their upland property on the two islands and any filling around Little Bird Key will cut them off from their rights under Section 271.01, Florida Statutes; that the question of riparian rights was settled in the case of Fort Pierce Financing Company, as well as another similar suit; that filling of that area will bottle up Boca Ciega Bay, will block the passage of the tides, and prevent ships using the bay for business or pleasure; that he is filing protest on the legal rights of abutting property owners who have riparian rights and this sale will be a violation of their rights. Mr. Harris requested that the sale of all the areas be declined. He pointed out on a map the ownership of his clients and indicated what it would mean to such owners if the sale is made and the proposed filling of the strips out into the Bay.

Mr. Harris also suggested that if the Trustees desided to sell Little Bird Key that it be advertised for sale subject to competitive bidding and allow other interested parties an equal opportunity to purchase the parcel; that if the Trustees would have an engineer go down and make an examination they will find that the key is not an island but submerged land.

Mr. Larson stated that he was ready to make a motion to withdraw all the land from sale for two years which will allow Pinellas County time to make its plans for the causeway and recreation area.

Mr. Ervin stated that he was ready to second Mr. Larson's motion with the suggestion that the Trustees have Little Bird Key investigated and if found to be an island and not submerged land that it be offered for sale at competitive bidding as public agencies and private parties want to submit a bid; then Mr. Kelleher's claim of hardship would not lie.

All parties having been heard and the question thoroughly discussed, the Chairman asked for the motion.

Treasurer Larson offered the motion that the objections be sustained and no sale made of the lands; further, that the Trustees withdraw the lands from sale for a period of two years, including Little Bird Key and Cow and Calf Key. The motion was seconded by Attorney General Ervin and upon vote unanimously adopted.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 14, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Dr. Bradley Waldron for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, lying Southeasterly of Panama Key, containing 8 acres, more or less. The said parcel adjoins upland of Dr. Waldron. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called description of the land out and verbal objection was made by Mr. Joseph Kelleher, on the ground that said parcel was within the area to which objections had been filed by Pinellas County Commissioners and others, the same as Little Bird Key, and he felt that if the Trustees allowed the Panama Key area to be sold they should allow him to purchase Little Bird Key.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the protest be disallowed and that sale of the parcel applied for by Dr. Waldron be confirmed in his favor at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date, applications having been filed by adjoining upland owners:

PALM BEACH COUNTY—Applied for August 31, 1954, by Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Winston P. Ayers, who offered \$300.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth in Government Lot 1, Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 1.95 acres, more or less. Advertised in Palm Beach Post on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954;

PALM BEACH COUNTY—Applied for August 24, 1954, by Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Palm Beach Ambassador, with offer of \$500.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, containing 3.03 acres, more or less, and lying adjacent to parts of Government Lots 1 and 2 of said section, township and range. Advertised in the Palm Beach Post on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954;

MARTIN COUNTY—Applied for August 10, 1954, by Evans Crary, on behalf of J. I. Bloom and Walter L. Bloom, with offer of \$200.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River in Section 20, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, containing 0.90 of an acre, more or less. Advertised in Stuart News on September 23, 30, October 7, 14 and 21, 1954;

DADE COUNTY—Applied for August 31, 1954, by Ben Shepard, on behalf of clients, who offer \$1000.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Indian Creek in Section 23, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 1.05

acres, more or less. Advertised in the Miami Herald September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954;

MONROE COUNTY—Applied for August 24, 1954, by Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Charley Toppino, with offer of \$150.00 an acre for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 37.88 acres, more or less, and lying South of Stock Island. Advertised in the Key West Citizen on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954;

MONROE COUNTY—Applied for August 24, 1954, by J. Y. Porter, on behalf of Anthony Ulchar and Annie F. Ulchar, with offer of \$200.00 an acre for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, containing 0.48 of an acre, more or less, and lying east of a portion of Government Lot 5 of same section, township and range. Advertised in the Key West Citizen on September 24, October 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1954.

Copy of notice and proof of publication in each sale are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and no objections were filed or presented to the sale of the lands described.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sales in favor of applicants in each case at the prices offered for the land.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged lands adjoining upland property of each applicant:

SARASOTA COUNTY—Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of Milton M. Morse, Allis N. Ferguson Colvin, Marjorie J. & Julian Speyers, Theodore W. & Katherine G. Brazel, Nellie R. Goodrich, Freda Lloyd & Arthur Hugh Frazier, Porter L. & Kathryn M. Howard, Edward F. Swift, Jr., Emilie Emig & Clarence D. Bailey, applies to purchase submerged lands in Manasota Key, Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East. Recommend \$100.00 an acre for the land;

MANATEE COUNTY—Mr. Dewey A. Dye, Jr., on behalf of Whitney Curry, applies to purchase 2.51 acres of submerged land in the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 34 South, Range 17 East. Recommend a price of \$200.00 an acre;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Mr. C. Irving Carey, on behalf of C. A. Burnell, applies to purchase 2 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay adjacent to and in front of his property in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. Recommend a price of \$200.00 an acre;

PINELLAS COUNTY—William J. Gibbs applies to purchase 5.647 acres of submerged land adjacent to his up-

land in Section 14, Township 32 South, Range 16 East.
Recommend a price of \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the four parcels of land advertised for objections only, conditioned upon applicants agreeing to pay the amounts recommended by the Land Agent for each parcel.

Major John D. McBride and Major Earl G. Adams offer \$50.00 per annum as rental on each of two campsite leases on an area on Long Arsnicker Key—400 feet by 200 feet—in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. Lease is requested for a term of five (5) years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two leases for a term of five years each upon payment of rental at the rate of \$50.00 annually each lease.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. William T. Kruglak, II, president of Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Property Owners Association, protesting leases to private businesses now occupying locations in Watson Park, Miami, Florida and suggesting that the Trustees direct the City Commission of Miami to notify such lessees to vacate the premises as it is in violation of the law.

Upon discussion of the subject, the Trustees deferred action pending further information as to what leases are outstanding and to whom.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of warrant in amount of \$50,000.00—a second payment of \$150,000.00 allocated—to the State Board of Administration for use of Inter-American Center Authority.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant.....	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
Board of County Commissioners of Leon County	6,000.00

J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board Conservation.....	12,734.83
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State School Fund	10,422.20
C. M. Gay—Travel vouchers	54.40
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses	6.21
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	89.20
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	7.36
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	1.00
Rex Sweat, Sheriff of Duval County .....	.60
J. Alex Arnette, CCC Palm Beach County	1.90
E. W. Bowles, CCC Jackson County	1.60
J. A. Peacock, CCC Calhoun County	1.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	91.80
A. R. Williams—Expenses	44.25
John E. Tsavaris, Lakeland, Fla.—Refund.....	1,112.00
Geo. Y. Core, CCC Gulf County	1.60
G. P. Bradford, CCC Franklin County	1.25
Western Union Telegraph Co.	10.38
Standard Oil Company	10.11
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	78.05
Fort Lauderdale Daily News	27.60
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses	19.71
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	15.00
Commonwealth Oil Company—Refund (Lease 658)	1,228.80

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for approval Report No. 585 listing forty-six (46) regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also twenty-five requests for quitclaim deeds releasing all or a part of the reservation for state roads which was reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 585 as presented and authorize execution and delivery of deeds referred to therein.

Alachua County Commissionrs request that the Trustees issue supplemental deed in favor of the county for the purpose of eliminating a restriction in Alachua County Deed No. 06-Ch. 21684, the restriction being that the land be used exclusively for homes for aged colored people, the county desiring to use the land as homesites for colored people of all ages; also that reservation for road right of way, and for oil and minerals, be omitted from the supplemental deed, information being furnished that the land is less than one (1) acre and is located within a municipality.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo, and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of supplemental deed in favor of Alachua County without the restriction referred to, and also without reservations for state road and for oil and mineral rights.

Lake County Commissioners submitted application for acquisition of Lots 42 and 43, Block 47, East Umatilla, for which the county offers \$5.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$5.00 per lot and authorize execution of deed to Lake County.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees reconsider action taken September 14, 1954, and authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Walton County to furnish the Trustees with report of old sales held by a former Clerk where it is possible to identify moneys deposited with bids made. It was explained that the State Auditors have checked the records of the former clerk, Miss Kate Gillis, now deceased, and have been able to determine what moneys are applicable to certain bids heretofore rejected for lack of information.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action and authorize acceptance of Walton County bids at sales held by Miss Kate Gillis where money deposited can be identified with the application as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Hernando, Jefferson, Marion and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having approved such action.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 9, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated October 19 and 26, 1954, were presented for approval with information that copies have been furnished each member of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

Mr. Wells presented the following sale advertised to be held on this date, subject to competitive bidding:

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On August 24, 1954, the Trustees considered the following offers for purchase of land:

1. Hollis Rinehart, on behalf of Florida Palms, Inc., offered \$20.00 for Lot 16, Block 8, Northwest Addition, a subdivision in Section 16, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;
2. T. W. Conely, Jr., offered \$15.00 per lot for Lots 1 and 2, and 4 to 7 inclusive, Block 94, Okeechobee City, a subdivision in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;
3. Clara B. Walker offered \$50.00 per lot for Lots 7 and 8, Block 5 of South Okeechobee, a subdivision in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;
4. T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Miss Kathryn Sweatt, offered \$15.00 per lot for Lots 3, 4, 7 and 8, Block 106 of Okeechobee City, a subdivision of Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

The Trustees authorized the land advertised for competitive bids based on the offers submitted and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he received before the sale higher bids for the lots, as follows:

1. Charles Zemel offered \$30.00 for the lot;
2. John B. Combs offered \$21.50 per lot;
3. John B. Combs offered \$61.50 per lot;
4. John B. Combs offered \$21.50 per lot.

Competitive bidding resulted in the highest bids being offered as follows:

1. Hollis Rinehart, \$40.00 for the lot;
2. Tom W. Conely, Jr., \$22.00 per lot;
3. C. E. Drawdy, \$62.00 per lot; and
4. Kathryn Sweatt, \$22.75 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid offered in each case, and confirm sale in favor of such bidders—Messrs. Rinehart, Conely, Drawdy and Miss Sweatt.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date, subject to objections only, applicants being the adjacent upland owners in each case:

Parcel 1—MONROE COUNTY—On September 14, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from B. W. Ketchum, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.71 of an acre, more or less, lying northerly of and adjacent to the West 15 feet of Tract 18 and all of Tract 19, of Amended Plat of Hilton Haven, Section No. 2, a subdivision of the Island of Key West. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 2—VOLUSIA COUNTY—On September 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from C. Winston Smith, on behalf of Armine R. Ashton and Annie L. Wilson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 1.12 acres, more or less, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 2 of Barr's Subdivision. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 3—VOLUSIA COUNTY—On August 24, 1954, the Trustees considered application from the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, for purchase of six (6) small islands or spoil areas within the corporate limits of Daytona Beach, in Township 15 South, Range 33 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the six parcels for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 4—PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of A. J. Sims, et al., for purchase of 12.4 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 5—PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of I. F. Belcher, for purchase of 25.8 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 12, Township 30 South, Range 14 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as re-

quired by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 6—PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Alfred Y. Dubuque, for purchase of 0.54 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Parcel 7—PINELLAS COUNTY—On September 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Fred Muller, Sr., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 30, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, containing 2.48 acres, more or less, lying south of and adjacent to Lots 54, 55 and 56, Harbor View No. 4. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of each of the seven (7) parcels and reported that no objections have been filed to sale of any of the parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in each of the applicants for the amounts offered; that sale to the City of Daytona Beach be approved without consideration, the land to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. George T. Hester offers \$420.00 for Lots 1, 2 and 3, Section 32, Township 52 South, Range 27 East, Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$420.00.

Applications were presented from William Radford and William J. Booth, Jr., for five-year campsite lease on Long Arsnicker Key for an area 200 feet by 200 feet, in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, for which they offer \$50.00 annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of five-year campsite lease in favor of Messrs. Radford and Booth for the parcel described.

The State Road Department requests conveyance of a portion of Hillsborough River bottom lands in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 23, Township 28 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department and make conveyance of the parcel described.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants:

DUVAL COUNTY—J. W. Connolly, President of Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Co., Inc., offers \$500.00 for approximately 5 acres of submerged land in the bed of the St. Johns River, Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, lying adjacent to Sibbald Grant in Section 50 of said township and range;

MANATEE COUNTY—F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of C. B. Scott, Sr., of Palmetto, offers \$100.00 per acre for approximately 10 acres of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;

MANATEE COUNTY—F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of Max B. Cohen, President of West Coast Marketing Corporation of Bradenton, offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 20 acres of land adjacent to his upland property in Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;

MONROE COUNTY—W. R. Thompson, on behalf of himself and Mrs. L. O. Hanna, offers \$200.00 an acre for 5.03 acres of land adjacent to their upland property in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcels applied for subject to objections only, based on the offers submitted.

Application was presented from James F. Robertson with offer of \$200.00 an acre for 10.6 acres of submerged land in Section 39, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Mr. Wells recommended that the application be denied as the people in that area were getting disturbed at sales of submerged lands; he would like to confer with the Port Orange City authorities as they have established a bulkhead line, beyond which they object to any filling being done and with the Board's consent he will see what the city has in mind.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer from Mr. Robertson and approve Mr. Wells' suggestion for conference with the city officials of Port Orange, Florida, as to their views on the sale of submerged land.

Attorney General Ervin asked if the Engineer approved sale of the submerged areas recommended for advertisement.

Mr. Elliot stated that his approval consisted of examining descriptions to see if they are correct for advertisement and deed; that sometime ago action was taken by the Trustees that it would be advisable to have examinations and more up-to-date appraisals of submerged lands and then adopt a policy, and he (Mr. Elliot) was asked to prepare a report on the subject; that he prepared such report September 2, 1953, and transmitted copy to each member of the Trustees, calling attention to certain things he thought might be desired to be taken into consideration in arriving at a policy; that it would be advantageous to the Land Office and to the Engineer's office to have some guide to go by in arriving at whether or not certain submerged land should be conveyed into private ownership and what should be reserved for channel and harbor improvement and for other public purposes. Mr. Elliot stated that he has maps and charts showing the areas in question and that he would suggest a committee be appointed by the Governor to come down to the Engineer's office and examine the charts and maps, and permit him to explain the report which he submitted last year so that action may be taken.

Mr. Gay stated that he would be glad to examine the plats.

Mr. Ervin stated that in line with the discussion he desired to present a letter from Mr. E. D. Keefer, president of the American Real Estate Appraisers, calling attention to sale of land for which he thinks the Trustees received too little and giving the price at which the land was sold shortly after conveyance out of the state.

Mr. Larson stated that he thought the Trustees should do what Mr. Elliot suggests.

No action taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$200.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Pan-Ed Inc., for purchase of 3.9 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to their property in Seaside Park Subdivision, Key West, Monroe County.

On August 7th, 1953, Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Neil W. DuBois, was granted a permit to remove shell from the bed of the Loxahatchee River in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, conditioned upon the Conservation Board, after due inspection, determining that there were no live oysters in the area to be dredged. Upon examination the Conservation Board approved the application provided no dredging would be done within 100 feet of the abandoned highway bridge. Before the permit was delivered, Mr. DuBois applied for a parcel of submerged land lying adjacent to the railroad and in front of his property, for which he offered \$100.00 an acre. The Trustees agreed to advertise for objections only the land described as two (2) acres of submerged

land in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, and on date of sale—May 4, 1954—numerous objections were filed by property owners in the area. The sale was withheld pending a hearing on the ground of objections. On October 15, 1954, said hearing was held at Jupiter resulting in the objections being withdrawn to sale of two (2) acres applied for by Mr. DuBois.

Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. DuBois, but that the permit to dredge shell be recalled and cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. DuBois of the two acres advertised for sale May 4, 1954; also that shell permit authorized issued to him be rescinded and cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny request from Mr. Jack J. Holton for purchase of additional submerged land to be added to his Contract No. 19896-A, Section 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, the Engineer having reported that it would be inadvisable to convey the additional area.

Mrs. Bula E. Croker, holder of Treasure Lease No. 778, 778-A and 778-B, requests extension of one year on said leases from December 12, 1954, with rental at the same rate, \$100.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize one-year extension of Treasure Leases 778, 778-A and 778-B, upon payment of \$100.00.

Mr. R. L. Stokes, holder of Grazing Lease No. 731, makes application for a five-year extension on said lease from July 13, 1955, to July 13, 1960. Land covered in the lease is Lot 4, Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 47.95 acres, more or less, in Highlands County. One year extension was recommended.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline to allow extension of five years, but agree to extend Lease 731 for a term of one year upon payment of rental at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per acre annually.

The Board of County Commissioners of Glades County made application for conveyance of 8.33 acres of land in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County. It was explained that this area was formerly used by the State Road Department as a borrow pit and that the Road Department has stated they have no objection to conveyance to Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel to Glades County, without cost, with all oil and mineral rights to be

reserved in the Trustees and the deed to contain a restriction that the land be used for public purposes.

Senator J. Ed Baker, Mr. C. E. Duncan, and others, representing Oklawaha Basin, Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority, presented the following resolution which was adopted by the Authority:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, OKLAWAHA BASIN, RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL AUTHORITY IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, hereinafter designated as Authority, duly constituted by Act of the Legislature, 1953, Chapter 29222, has duly assumed its responsibilities under said Act, and has completed plans for the conservation and control of the natural water supplies in Lake County, Florida, and is now ready to proceed with the construction of locks and dams and the excavation and clearing out of channels in accordance with said plans, and

WHEREAS, under authority of said Act, said Authority is now empowered to direct the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, to assess and collect, not to exceed one mill of the total assessed valuation of property in Lake County, Florida, for the purpose of financing construction of locks and dams and other work as outlined in said plans, and taxes for said purpose have been collected for the tax year of 1953, and are now being collected for the tax year of 1954. But, because total taxes collected each year are less than \$44,000.00 per year, and the total cost of carrying out said plans of conservation and control of natural waters is estimated at \$310,000.00, and it will, therefore, be several years before enough money has been collected to put said plans into operation, and

WHEREAS, the need for the conservation and control of natural waters of Lake County is immediate because of the shortage of rainfall for the present calendar year and the rapidly increasing demands of water for agricultural purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Authority seeks financial aid from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to supplement sums derived from taxes in Lake County, so that said water conservation and control plans may be put into effect at earliest possible date, and in order to encourage the advancement of a sufficient sum of money to accomplish said purposes at the earliest possible date, the Authority is willing to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida to replace any sums so advanced from the collection of taxes, in accordance with the powers vested in the Authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY OKLAWAHA BASIN, RECREATION AND WATER CONSERVATION AND CONTROL AUTHORITY IN LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that it be, and it is hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an agreement with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, under the terms of which said Authority agrees to require the County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, in each succeeding year from this date, to assess the full millage as permitted and empowered by the Act of the Legislature hereinbefore described, and from said funds, after making proper allowance for maintenance and operations of said water conservation and control system, pay to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, balance of the taxes so collected annually, until the monies advanced by said Trustees shall be replaced.



Mr. Baker presented the request from the Authority and explained the urgency for getting this work started as soon as possible. He stated that Colonel Herbert C. Gee, Consulting Engineer for the Authority, and two of the Authority members are present with the delegation to submit their recommendations. The lakes and streams of Lake and Orange Counties comprise the headwaters of the Oklawaha River and are very important waters, not only in these two counties but are important to a large part of that section of the state in conserving water resources.

Colonel Gee, of the engineering firm of Gee & Jensen, has plans ready for starting construction of certain structures looking toward control of these waters, but the Authority will not be able to commence work as expediently as they should be built as the taxes resulting from the levy provided for by the Legislature at the 1953 session will not be sufficient.

Colonel Gee explained the necessity for conserving the water during the rainy season so that there would be ample supply during dry periods, giving information covered in his report as to the lakes to be involved in the controlling works which will result in a storage area of something like 104 thousand acres. He explained the reason for the deficiency in water supply for that area is caused partly by a deficiency in rainfall in the extreme northern part of the state. He emphasized the importance of building the control structures as promptly as possible as the citrus industry is urging that action be taken immediately.

Mr. Duncan stated that the Authority was asking the Trustees to make available \$250,000.00 for starting this work, which will cost approximately \$310,000.00; that the legislative act provides that the Authority may enter into a contract with a state agency for securing the funds necessary; that they feel this amount can be repaid within ten years out of the one-mill levy provided by the Legislature and will guarantee to pay \$25,000.00 annually out of revenue coming in.

Comptroller Gay stated that he has gone over the plans with the representatives of the Authority and thinks it is of sufficient state-wide importance for the Trustees to cooperate with them.

Upon discussion as to the conditions of the contract to be entered into, it was suggested that a memorandum contract be prepared outlining how the money shall be repaid and how and when the amount should be made available to the Authority, all to be passed on by the Attorney General before being presented to the Trustees for final approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustee make available Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) to Oklawaha Basin, Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority, subject to the contract being approved by the Attorney General.

Mr. Elliot gave a report of the financial standing of the Trustees at this time and what revenue might be expected during the next few months, the estimated balance for December 1, 1954—\$97,000.00.

Mr. Elliot requested action as to management of Water Gauging Stations taken over by the Trustees from the Water Survey and Research Division authorized by Trustees October 5, 1954. It was recommended that the actual management of the stations be continued as heretofore by Colonel A. G. Matthews, Director, Water Survey and Research, and that the Trustees pay the bills as the work is done and the bills are certified to the Trustees by Colonel Matthews' office.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the twenty (20) water gauging stations be managed as heretofore by the Water Survey and Research Division and payment of the bills in connection therewith, up to \$8000.00 annually, be paid by the Trustees in the manner suggested.

Mr. Elliot reported with reference to sale of Dade County land considered by the Trustees September 14, 1954. The land was advertised on application from Mr. Joe Kelleher, adjacent upland owner and on date of sale objections were filed by a number of other owners in that locality. The Trustees held up action on the sale for sixty (60) days, within which time parties protesting could take whatever action they desired. Arthur V. Davis employed M. B. Garriss to make a survey of the area and report on this survey has been received with map showing depths of water covering land applied for by Mr. Kelleher. The depth of water is in excess of three feet at high tide over the greater portion of the land. The Trustees would be within their authority to convey the marginal lands around the high land where the water does not exceed three feet in depth at high tide.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees convey to Mr. Kelleher that part of the marginal land where the water is less than three

feet at high tide; that all other areas be omitted and if applicant proposes to fill, the Trustees could give permission to take fill material.

Mr. Wells stated that Mr. Davis has agreed to withdraw his objections to the area covered by the mangrove.

Mr. Larson offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the matter be held in abeyance and that parties who filed objections be given an opportunity to be heard if they so desire.

Mr. Elliot requested blanket authority to have warrants issued in payment of sub-drainage and flood control district taxes assessed against Trustees' lands within said district at an estimated total of \$30,000.00. If paid in November, the state will get the benefit of the 4% discount allowed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrants in payment of taxes due against Trustees' lands as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 586, listing 36 regular bids and 17 quitclaim deeds for releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report submitted and authorize execution and delivery of deeds to applicants.

Request was presented from the State Road Department for right of way across land in Nassau County needed for State Road No. S-115, Section 7457-151, the parcel desired being that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 25 East, lying within 40 feet of the centerline of said road.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees issue right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department for the parcel requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees allow Mrs. Grace Winans thirty days from this date within which to comply with provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953, and file her application to purchase a parcel of land in Jefferson County on which she was the high bidder at sale on June 14, 1954. See minutes of August 31, 1954, as to action on said sale.

The following applications were presented for conveyance of land under Chapter 28317 of 1953:

Hamilton County—Hamilton Turpentine Company offers \$200.00, or \$5.00 an acre, for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 2 North, Range 12 East, 40 acres, less right of way;

Wakulla County—J. A. Watts offers \$147.50, or \$5.00 an acre, for 29.50 acres, as per deed from W. M. Arnold to M. A. Williams, in Section 2, Township 4 South, Range 1 East.

The applicants have complied with the law and the requests are in order for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deeds under Chapter 28317 of 1953 in favor of Hamilton Turpentine Company for Hamilton County land and in favor of J. A. Watts for Wakulla County land, upon payment of the amounts offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Pasco County certificates, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the State by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

November 23, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Secretary presented minutes of the Trustees dated November 9, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

COLLIER COUNTY—Mr. Wells stated that on October 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00 an acre from William A. Shepard, on behalf of Forest Walker, for purchase of Lots 1 and 2, Section 36, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, containing 166 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids based on offer from Mr. Walker and notice of the sale was

published in the Collier County News on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$60.00 an acre being made by Charles W. Zemel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$60.00 an acre from Mr. Zemel and confirm sale in his favor.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William S. Boylston, on behalf of John S. Clark, for purchase of 3 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections and competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$200.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$400.00 an acre being made by Mr. Clark.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$400.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Clark.

MANATEE COUNTY—On October 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from George O. Lea and J. Hardin Peterson, on behalf of M. E. Dildine, for purchase of 2.8 acres of submerged land in Palma Sola Bay, Section 25, Township 34 South, Range 16 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description out and stated that objections have been filed by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County and also by Mr. Scott Register, on behalf of about fifty (50) land owners. Mr. Wells recommended that the sale be withheld.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action on Manatee County sale.

Mr. Wells reported that the following parcels of land were advertised for objections only, applicants being the adjacent upland owners in each case, and that no objections have been filed to any of the sales:

1. **DADE COUNTY**—On October 5, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from James W. Moore, on behalf of

George Stamos, for purchase of 2 small parcels of submerged land adjacent to Ragged Keys No. 2 and No. 4, in Section 29, Township 56 South, Range 42 East, comprising approximately 0.230 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

2. PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 5, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mrs. Idel V. Jamison, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in The Narrows, in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Lots 33, 36 and 39, Block 2, Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, containing 1.17 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

3. PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 12, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from E. W. Beck for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay in Sections 23 and 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lot 6, Block 1, Revised Map of Country Club Addition to Oldsmar, containing 1 acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

4. PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 5, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Charles A. Robinson, on behalf of Charles R. Anderson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in old Tampa Bay, in Section 17, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, lying south of and adjacent to Lots 13, 14 and 15, of William Browns Subdivision of Bayview, containing 5.6 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 22 and 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

5. PINELLAS COUNTY—The Trustees on October 5, 1954, considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of William F. Byars, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in The Narrows in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, and Section 19, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Lots 3, 4 and 5, Block 6, Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, containing 1.43 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

6. PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 5, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Barney W. Laws, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in The Narrows in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 14 East, lying

easterly of and adjacent to Lots 48 and 51, Block 2, Indian Rocks South Shore Subdivision, containing 1.06 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on October 22, 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

Copy of notice and proof of publication in each case are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called each description out and reported that no objections have been filed to any of the sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of each of the six applicants to purchase the parcels described, at the price offered in each case.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land:

PINELLAS COUNTY—Dr. Bradley M. Waldron offers \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land lying south-easterly of and adjacent to Panama Key in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, comprising 8 acres, more or less;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Dewey T. Morris, on behalf of Mrs. J. A. Tallman, offers \$150.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land adjacent to her upland in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

PINELLAS COUNTY—N. W. Berger, on behalf of Hazel B. Huffman, offers \$150.00 an acre for 1.6 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, adjacent to submerged land previously purchased under contract;

PINELLAS COUNTY—Leo M. Butler, on behalf of R. W. Shackelford and LaMar Sarra, offers \$125.00 an acre for purchase of 24.08 acres of submerged land in Section 35, Township 28 South, Range 16 East;

PASCO COUNTY—J. Hardin Peterson, Jr., on behalf of John E. Tsavaris and Sylvesta J. Tsavaris, offers \$100.00 an acre for two parcels of submerged land adjacent to Dutchman Key and North Anclote Key, in Township 26 South, Range 15 East;

SARASOTA COUNTY—Edward H. Jones offers \$200.00 an acre for 3.76 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East;

SARASOTA COUNTY—Edward H. Jones offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.87 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range

18 East; (Sale to be subject to a cut-back in area for West Coast Inland Navigation District.)

MONROE COUNTY—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of J. S. Y. Ivins, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.96 of an acre of bay bottom land in front of his upland property in Crain's Subdivision of Grassy Key, Section 24, Township 65 South, Range 33 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the seven (7) parcels described for objections only, applicants being the adjacent upland owner in each case.

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of client, offers \$200.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land within the city limits of Dunedin, Florida, in Section 32, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, containing 5 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the land for objections and competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells presented the following offers for land owned by the Trustees and recommended that the land be advertised for competitive bids:

MONROE COUNTY—W. Curry Harris, on behalf of William J. Bryant, offers \$200.00 an acre for two islands in Section 13, and a group of three (3) islands in Section 23, all in Township 67 South, Range 26 East;

BROWARD COUNTY—Olin S. Peck offers \$150.00 an acre for all of Section 14, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, 640 acres; also all that part of Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 39 East lying south of State Road No. 84, containing 272 acres, more or less;

BROWARD COUNTY—Tony Salvino offers \$50.00 an acre for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, containing 160 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for competitive bids the parcels of land in Monroe and Broward Counties, starting with the offers submitted.

Mr. G. B. Fishback, on behalf of A. H. Smith and wife, offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 1.821 acres of bottom land in Lake Conway, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County, said parcel being adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed in favor of Mr. Smith and wife, without advertisement.

Mr. E. L. Lockhart requests that Lease No. 431-A issued to Theo Vanneman, his client, be assigned to Elsie Masterton. The said lease will expire November 23, 1970 and covers an area located near the Lignumvitae Bridge in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees consent to assignment of Lease No. 341-A as requested by Mr. Lockhart for Mr. Vanneman.

Mr. William J. Baughn, city attorney of Melbourne, Florida, makes request on behalf of the city for permit to dredge certain submerged land in Brevard County adjacent to upland property of the city, to be used as a yacht basin for public purposes. It was stated that a dredging company has offered to dredge the spoil area for use of the spoil material which he will haul away and will be done at no cost to the city.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for the City of Melbourne to have the yacht basin area dredged as requested.

Mr. Wells reported that in several instances the County Commissioners of Volusia County and several cities in that county have protested land sales advertised for the reason that conveyance into private ownership would be detrimental to the public generally. Mr. Wells recommends that all applicants to purchase first secure the approval of the County Commissioners of the county, where the land is outside the city limits, and when located within a municipality that approval of said city be secured and filed with the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Wells be approved as the action of the board.

Mr. Wells called attention to action taken by the Trustees on Dade County sale advertised to be held September 14, 1954, on application from Joseph Kelleher. Action on the sale was deferred sixty (60) days in order that parties protesting might have an opportunity to take action if they so desired.

Mr. Arthur V. Davis has since advised that he withdraws his protest if the sale is confined to the area within the mangrove, and another party who protested the sale has written along the same line; that all parties have had ample time to take action to prevent the sale and it is now recommended that the Trustees convey to Mr. Kelleher the reduced acreage which the Trustees are authorized to sell.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kelleher as recommended by Mr. Wells at the price offered.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—Mr. Elliot reported that information has been received as to proposed drilling of an oil well near land

owned by the Trustees in Township 37 South, Range 35 East; Township 36 South, Ranges 32 and 33 East; and Township 34 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees also had advertised for sale September 28, 1954, Murphy Act land in Township 36 South, Range 34 East; the report was approved and returned to the Clerk. The State Auditor's office has advised that no money has been deposited with the Clerk covering this sale. It is recommended that the Trustees reject the bids and cancel the Murphy Act sale of September 28, Report No. 116, and that all lands in Okeechobee County held by the Trustees and by the state under the Murphy Act be withdrawn from sale or other disposition until further action.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of the Secretary as the action of the board and direct that the lands be withdrawn from sale or other disposition.

Gulf Oil Company requests approval of location to drill an oil well under Lease No. 340-340-A, said location being described as 1542 feet south and 452 feet east of the northwest corner of Section 19, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the location described as the site for drilling an oil well under Lease 340-340-A, subject to issuance of permit for drilling by the State Board of Conservation.

Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County, requests permission to remove approximately 350,000 cubic yards of sand, without cost, from Lake Mangonia, in Sections 8 and 17, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. It was stated that the dredged material will be placed on land recently purchased from the West Palm Beach Water Company to raise the elevation from 14 feet as at present to 17 feet above sea level.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the Board of Public Instruction for removing the material as requested, under usual terms and conditions, the permittee to assume all liability for anything arising out of said permit.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District with reference to canal rights of way formerly held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. It was explained that in 1944 the Trustees conveyed to Everglades Drainage District all rights of way in said district held by the Trustees, and also delivered deeds from private persons granting rights of way to the Trustees; that in January, 1953, the Trustees quitclaimed to private parties, who owned no land along the canal, all the right of way previously conveyed to the District. Since it appears that the Trustees had nothing to convey into private ownership, the quitclaim deed of January, 1953, is invalid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to have the quitclaim deed returned.

Mr. Elliot called attention to the matter presented at the last meeting of the Trustees in connection with report of September, 1953, submitted by him on the subject of submerged lands in intra-coastal waters, and the recommendation for adoption of a policy to be followed in handling applications for submerged lands. It was suggested that a committee be appointed from the Trustees to examine maps and plats in the Engineer's office and then make report to the board.

Upon motion of Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, Governor Johns appointed Mr. Gay as the committee to go into this matter with Mr. Elliot and report back at a later meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment by the Comptroller:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
Trans. to Board Administration for	
Inter-American Center Authority	50,000.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	9.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	7.60
Ivey Motors, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	38.55
Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.80
Emily L. Mann, Court Reporter, Bartow, Fla.....	21.75
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency, Tallahassee...	49.96
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	6.82
John A. Feehan, Jr., Clerk U. S. Court Appeals,	
New Orleans, La.—for certificate	1.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	154.16
Palm Beach Ambassador, Palm Beach—Refund	95.00
Dorothy O. Green, Sarasota, Fla.—Refund.....	70.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	55.12
Ralph M. McLain—Expenses	72.75
C. M. Gay—Travel vouchers	137.75
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector	
Palm Beach County—C. & S. F.	
F. C. D. taxes	\$ 599.15

South Fla. Cons. Dist. taxes	16,451.15	
East Shore Dr. Dist. taxes	2,164.05	
Gladeview Dr. Dist. taxes	1,255.52	
Highlands Glades Dr. Dist. taxes	5,600.00	
South Shore Dr. Dist. taxes	2.47	
East Beach Dr. Dist. taxes	39.62	
TOTAL, less 4% discount		25,067.48
W. H. Meeks, Jr., Tax Collector, Broward County—C. & S. F. F. C. D. taxes, less 4% discount		47.40
Cecile Y. Pape, Tax Collector Glades County—C. & S. F. F. C. D. taxes... \$	7.57	
Diston Island Dr. Dist. taxes.....	356.69	
TOTAL, less 4% discount		349.68
A. O. Ward, Tax Collector Hendry County C. & S. F. F. C. D. taxes, less 4% discount		1.84
J. C. DeShong, Tax Collector Highlands Coun- ty—C. & S.F.F.C.D. taxes, less 4% discount		4.71
W. E. Pound, Tax Collector Osceola County— C. & S.F.F.C.D. taxes, less 4% discount .....		.46
Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector Indian River County — C. & S.F.F.C.D. taxes	4.92	
Indian River Farms Dr. Dist. taxes	185.39	
TOTAL, less 4% discount		182.70
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	100.20	
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.29	
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.30	
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.97	
Capital Paper Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	14.10	
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	11,935.99	
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board Conservation	13,102.65	
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	13.82	
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	9.65	
Ronnie Green, Crystal River, Fla.	250.00	
Sanborn Photo Service, Lakeland, Fla.	71.00	
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade Coun- ty—C. & S.F.F.C.D. taxes, less 4% discount...	204.87	
Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County—C. & S.F.F.C.D. taxes, less 4% dis- count	4.74	
Fritz Stein, Belle Glade, Fla.—Refund	83.73	

Financial statements for the month of October are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1954	\$142,929.45
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$59,521.14

Interest Coupons—Fla.

State Improvement

Comm.—Agri. and

Citrus Inspection

Bldg. \$1,665.00

Jack'ville Expressway 3,125.00

Interest Total 4,790.00

Quitclaim Deeds 122.00

Pipe Line Easement 500.00

Certified copy Trustees' Minutes..... 2.00

Mineral Leases 912.39

Sand and Shell Leases 14,173.70

Campsite Lease 30.00

Grazing Lease 142.00

Timber Leases 878.00

Oil Lease 970.00

Miscellaneous Lease 275.00

Farm Lease 590.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH \$82,906.23 82,906.23

Grand Total 225,835.68

Less Disbursements for the Month 42,782.11

BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1954 \$183,053.57

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10-6-54	82344	Leon County Commissioners	\$ 6,000.00
10-11-54	86539	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		To State School Fund	10,422.20
	86540	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		To State Board Conservation	12,734.83
10-12-54	89932	W. R. Culbreath	6.21
	89933	Southeastern Telephone Co.	89.20
	89934	Shell Oil Company	7.36
	89935	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	1.00
	89936	Rex Sweat, Sheriff .....	.60
	89937	J. Alex Arnette, CCC	1.90
	89938	E. W. Bowles, CCC	1.60
	89939	J. A. Peacock, CCC	1.00
	94728	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	94729	A. R. Williams	432.88
	94730	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	94731	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	94732	M. O. Barco	373.95
	94733	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	94734	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	94735	W. Howell	330.95
	94736	C. E. Halley	340.00
	94737	S. Wells	213.75
	94738	C. M. Greene	47.50
	94739	R. N. Landers	26.13
10-30-54	94740	Blue Cross of Florida	22.40
	94741	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38

	94742	Professional Insurance Corp.	5.25
	94743	5% Retirement Fund	198.34
	94744	Federal Tax	509.80
10-22-54	101890	Sinclair Wells	91.80
	101891	A. R. Williams	44.25
	101892	Jno. E. Tsavaris	1,112.00
10-25-54	102929	Geo. Y. Corelli	1.60
	102930	G. P. Bradford	1.25
	102931	W. U. Telegraph Co.	10.38
	102932	Standard Oil Co.	10.11
	102933	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co...	78.05
	102934	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	27.60
	102935	W. R. Culbreath	19.71
	102936	Jno. D. Moriarty	15.00
	102937	Commonwealth Oil Company.....	1,228.80
10-12-54	89740	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	54.40
10-11-54	86463	S. T. Trans. to G.R. 3%	6,437.54
DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
OCTOBER, 1954			\$42,782.11

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of October 1, 1954	\$ 250.00
Receipts for the Month .....	.00
Disbursements for the Month .....	.00
BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 1954	\$ 250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

October 1, 1954	\$ 3,226.05
October 19, 1954	3,408.80
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 6,634.85

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10-30-54	96545	E. Hewitt	\$ 360.97
	96546	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	96547	Provident Life Ins. Co.	7.75
	96548	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
	96549	Federal Tax	72.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR			
MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1954			\$ 733.73

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for approval Report No. 587 listing 27 regular bids, and 12 quitclaim deeds approved by the State Road Department for releasing right of way reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report submitted and authorize execution and delivery of deeds in favor of applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of Hillsborough County Deed No. 2126-Dupl. to Frank Banks in lieu of original Deed No. 2126 dated January 29, 1943, which was reported lost before having been recorded.

The Trustees on October 5, 1954, agreed to advertise for sealed competitive bids an oil, gas and mineral lease, applied for by The Texas Company, covering the reserved interest held by the state in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 4 North, Range 29 West, containing 40 acres in Santa Rosa County.

The land was called out and the only bid received was from The Texas Company, as follows: \$150.00 bonus bid plus \$1.00 an acre annually increasing 5% of the original amount annually after the first two (2) years, and one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) royalty. Lease is to be for a primary term of ten years.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept bid of The Texas Company and authorize lease of the reserved interest in the usual form.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department for use of a parcel of Murphy Act land in Osceola County described as a parcel of land in the North-east corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 30 South, Range 33 East, lying within thirty-three (33) feet of the centerline of State Road S-523-A, Section 9259.

Request was presented from B. E. Holder for deed under Chapter 28317 of 1953, to the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 8, Section 7, Township 8 South, Range 20 East, containing 20 acres in Alachua County. Applicant offers \$100.00 for the parcel, which is at the rate of \$5.00 per acre, and has furnished all information required by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize deed to the parcel described.

Request was submitted from D. H. Varn for refund of \$62.50 as payment for land conveyed by Polk County Deed No. Pt. 1669 dated January 19, 1944, for the reason that the land was owned by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and should not have been certified to the State under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize warrant issued to Mr. Varn in

amount of \$62.50 upon receipt of quitclaim deed from him to the land conveyed erroneously by said Deed No. Pt. 1669.

(See action taken under Trustees' subjects on Okeechobee County Murphy Act sale of September 28, 1954.)

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Taylor County as approved by the Attorney General, for the reason that no title to the land vested in the state under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 30, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented proposed Mangrove Timber Lease from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education to Rutherford Lumber Company, Inc., covering 16,720 acres of land in Township 54 South, Range 30 East, Monroe County. Action was taken November 10, 1953, authorizing the lease and the lessee has been conducting experiments since that time. They are now ready for execution of the lease, form of which is submitted for consideration.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of the lease, subject to approval of form by the Attorney General.

The following letter was presented from the Attorney General on the subject of "Public Purpose or Use Clause in Deeds Numbered 19447 and 19448":

November 23, 1954

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Attention: Mr. F. C. Elliot

Re: Public purpose or use clauses in
deeds numbered 19,447 and 19,448

Gentlemen:

We have the memorandum, dated November 8, 1954, from your Engineer and Secretary, wherein reference is made to your minutes appearing in Volume 27 of your reports, pages 246, 281 and 335, and in Volume 28, pages 450, 480, 496, 697 and 708, and your unpublished minutes of August 12, 1952, February 24, 1953, and July 7, 1953, all of which relate to the so-called "public purpose" clauses appearing in Trustees Deeds numbered 19447 and 19448, of October 24, 1949, to the City of Miami, Florida, and two certain leases from the City of Miami, one to Howard F. Bond, and the other to the Miami Yacht Club, a non-profit corporation. We also have that certain letter, under date of October 20, 1954, to your Secretary and Engineer from the Palm-Hibiscus-Star Islands Property Owners Association, in effect requesting the cancellation of the above mentioned leases from the municipality on the ground that such leases are violative of the said "public purpose" clauses.

The said "public purpose" clauses in effect provide that the lands embraced in the deeds to the municipality shall be *used solely for public purposes, including municipal purposes, and not otherwise* and are not to be used for any private use or purpose. The said "public purpose" clauses were not inserted in the said deeds pursuant to any statute or law of this state, but merely at the discretion of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. So far as we have been able to ascertain there is no legal reason why the trustees might not release this public purpose limitation or waive it in whole or in part. The lands in question appear to have been lands within the purview and intent of Sections 253.06-253.11, Florida Statutes, which were sold to the municipality pursuant to said statutes. We find in these statutes no provision limiting the use of the lands within their purview to "public purposes" only. It, therefore, appears that the limitation was not required by statute, but was imposed by and at the discretion of the trustees, and the trustees may, at their discretion, release, modify or change the same at their pleasure.

Although a study of the above mentioned minutes of the trustees clearly shows an intention and purpose on their part to continue and not release the said restriction, there also appears from the said minutes the exercise of the right of the trustees to grant modifications for a limited time and so long as there will be no apparent injury to the public by such modifications for a limited time and for specific or special purposes. There has been a limited modification as to a lease from the municipality to one Howard Bond, and as to another from the municipality to the Miami Yacht Club, a non-profit corporation. So far as we have been able to ascertain the Bond lease was authorized to about February 1, 1954, but its present status does not appear from the minutes furnished us. The first lease to the Yacht Club appears to have expired in February 1953 (see minutes of August 12, 1952). The minutes of July 7, 1953, contain the following entry, to-wit:

"The Trustees considered request from the City of Miami that approval be given for issuance of ten-year (10) lease by the city to the Miami Yacht Club, covering an area on MacArthur Causeway, which area was conveyed to the City of Miami by the Trustees. It was explained that this request was presented to the Trustees in August, 1952, and tentatively agreed to subject to approval being withheld for a period of thirty (30) days for protests to be filed, if any. No objections have been made to the Trustees to issuance of the said lease.

"Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees interpose no objection to issuance of lease by the City of Miami to the Miami Yacht Club for a period of ten (10) years under terms and agreements as set forth in minutes of the Trustees dated August 12, 1952."

These minutes reflect an agreement or consent on the part of the trustees for a renewal of the leasehold rights from the municipality to the Miami Yacht Club, a non-profit corporation, for a period of ten years (evidently from a day in June, 1953).

Consent having been given by the trustees for the above mentioned leases we do not think that the trustees have any right to require a cancellation of them so long as the lands are used for the purposes mentioned in the said leases, notwithstanding such use may not be strictly for "public purposes," as used in the above mentioned deeds. So far as we have been able to ascertain from the minutes the trustees consent to the said leases does not extend beyond their expiration dates. If the said leases are to be cancelled, at the demand of the trustees, such cancellation cannot be

based upon uses consented to by the trustees unless such right of cancellation was reserved as a limitation to the said consent.

Sincerely,

(S) RICHARD W. ERVIN
Richard W. Ervin,
Attorney General

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The letter was filed as information.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The State Road Department makes application for conveyance of a 10-foot strip of Lot 8, Block 14, McKinney's Addition to the City of Lake Butler, Florida, in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 20 East. The land lies within the right of way of State Road S-238, Sec. 3956-(150) 175, Union County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the strip requested by the State Road Department.

Mr. Elliot reported further in reference to Okeechobee County sale of September 28, 1954, action on which was taken November 23, 1954. Information was received by telephone Monday night, November 29, from Judge Tom Conely of Okeechobee City, that there was some mistake about the money not having been deposited as he was certain the required amounts were paid to the Clerk. The Auditor's office reports that no money could be found in the Clerk's office or records up to November 29. Mr. Elliot recommends that no further action be taken pending investigation of what appears to be disappearance of funds reported to have been received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court on the September 28 sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and adopt it as the action of the Board.

Mr. Ike Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, and State Senator Dilworth Clarke came before the Trustees with reference to application by Mrs. Grace Winans of Monticello for issuance of deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, known as the "Hardship Act."

This case has been before the Trustees on several occasions and on November 9, 1954, Mrs. Winans was allowed thirty (30) days within which to complete her application and file it with the Trustees. The land in question is described as a lot 110x165 feet, being a part of Lot 2, Northern Addition to the Town of Monticello, Florida, formerly owned by Johannis Larkin.

Senator Clarke urged that the Trustees issue deed in favor of Mrs. Winans as she has already spent more trying to clear title to the land than it is worth.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mrs. Winans has not furnished all necessary information, especially as to requirement set forth in the Statute requiring certificate as to payment of past due taxes and taxes that would have been due had the property been extended on the tax roll.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of deed to Mrs. Winans under Chapter 28317 of 1953 upon payment of \$37.50 which is $\frac{1}{4}$ the 1932 A.V., subject to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County furnishing certificate that all taxes and costs required by the Act have been deposited with the Clerk.

Mrs. Julia Cleckley of Wewahitchka, Florida, makes application for deed under Chapter 28317 of 1953, conveying title to all Blocks 24, 26 and 28, Beacon Hill Subdivision (35 lots) in Sections 30 and 31, Township 6 South, Range 11 West, Gulf County. Information has been furnished that Mrs. Cleckley is the former owner of the lots, has deposited with the Clerk an amount sufficient to pay all unpaid taxes and costs and all taxes that would have been assessed had the land been extended on the tax roll. Applicant offers \$5.00 per lot or \$175.00 total.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 in favor of Mrs. Cleckley.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 7, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Claud S. Ginn offers \$10.00 an acre for 200 acres, more or less, of land in unsurveyed portions of Sections 12, 13 and 14, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$10.00 an acre.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land:

1. F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of Pete Brown of Bradenton, Florida, offers \$150.00 an acre for 1.2 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 26, Township 34 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County;
2. Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen, offers \$200.00 an acre for 95.00 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Sections 27 and 28, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County;
3. Mr. Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Atoris, Inc., a Florida Corporation, offers \$200.00 an acre for 5.4 acres of submerged land adjacent to its upland property in Section 1, Township 32 South, Range 32 East, Pinellas County;
4. Anice L. Proestos offers \$100.00 for 0.11 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 14, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County;
5. Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of L. Tucker, offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 5 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, Monroe County; and
6. Mr. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Pan-Ed Corporation, resubmits application for purchase of 3.9 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his property in Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, Monroe County, with offer of \$200.00 an acre; the land applied for being a parcel 400x425 feet in the Straits of Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the six (6) parcels of submerged land for objections only based on the offers submitted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented for approval Report No. 588 listing 21 regular bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as submitted and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto, subject to any protest that may be filed under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of Escambia County Deed No. 559-Cor. to G. B. Moon for the purpose of correcting initial of grantee in original Deed No. 559 dated March 27, 1948.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 14, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated November 23, 30 and December 7, 1954, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that the following lands have been advertised for sale today, subject to objections only:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On October 19, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Dr. Calvin W. Davis for purchase of 3.4 acres, more or less, of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, adjacent to upland property of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on November 12, 19, 26, December 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

MANATEE COUNTY—On October 26, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Dewey D. Dye, on behalf of Whitney Curry, for purchase of 2.51 acres, more or less, of submerged land in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, adjacent to upland property of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on November 12, 19, 26, December 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 26, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from C. Irving Carey, on behalf of C. A. Burnell, for purchase of 2.0 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, lying west of and adjacent to Lots 34 and 35, of Jungle Shores Subdivision No. 5, owned by applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on November 12, 19, 26, December 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date;

PINELLAS COUNTY—On October 19, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Don F. Cameron and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Lots 3 and 4, Block "S" of Bahama Beach Replat. The parcel is adjacent to upland property of applicants and contains 4 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on November 12, 19, 26, December 3 and 10, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

Copy of notice and proof of publication in each sale are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out the description of each parcel of land and reported that no objections have been filed to the sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids offered and confirm sale in favor of each applicant.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 26, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of clients who are upland owners, for purchase of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying east of and adjacent to the north 2331.6 feet of Government Lot 2 of said Section 16, containing 60 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on November 15, 22, 29, December 6 and 13, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out the description and reported that no objections have been filed, except that West Coast Inland Navigation District has requested that the acreage be reduced.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the following applicants with the reduced acreage as indicated for each party:

T. W. Brazel	1.4 acres
Allis N. Colvin	1.7 acres
Edward F. Swift	1.8 acres
Milton M. Morse	3.7 acres
Emile Emig	2.3 acres

A. H. Frazier	2.5 acres
Nellie R. Goodrich	2.3 acres
P. L. Howard	2.1 acres
Julian Speyers	3.7 acres
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A total of	21.5 acres

The following offers were made by adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged land:

Blanton Realty Company, on behalf of clients, applied to purchase 0.21 of an acre, more or less, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Recommended price for the parcel is \$100.00;

F. Robert Voth and Olivia Voth offer \$150.00 an acre for 0.93 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 14, Township 62 South, Range 38 East, Monroe County;

J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Leo Rentz and Molly Rentz, applied for 1.1 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in the Indian River North, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. Recommended price for the parcel is \$100.00 an acre;

J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Lamar Investment Company, applied for 0.4 of an acre of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. A price of \$100.00 an acre is recommended for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the four (4) parcels of land described for objections only based on the offers submitted and the prices recommended.

Mr. Richard B. Muldrew, on behalf of ABCO Concrete Company, makes application for permit to dredge sand from the Indian River, offshore, in Sections 18 and 19, Township 26 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County. Mr. Muldrew states that he has secured consent of the upland owners for his clients to dredge in that area. Mr. Wells recommends a two-year lease on the basis of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for material taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year lease in favor of Mr. Muldrew's clients upon payment as recommended by Mr. Wells.

W. R. Neblett, on behalf of Fort Myers Dredging Company, makes application for a five-year lease to dredge dead oyster shell from the Caloosahatchee River in Sections 28, 29, 32 and 33, Township 45 South, Range 23 East, Lee County, for which he offers to pay ten cents (10c) per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of applicant for removing dead oyster shell from the area described provided no exclusive leases are outstanding in that particular location, payment to be at the rate of ten cents per cubic yard.

Reconsideration was requested on action taken December 7, on application from Walter P. Fuller for purchase of 95 acres of submerged land in Townships 33 and 34 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County. It was explained that this land is now in litigation, known as the "Knott Case," and it will simplify matters if there are no pending sales involving any of the land in the suit.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees amend action taken December 7, 1954, on Mr. Fuller's application and withhold any further disposition pending outcome of the litigation.

Application was presented from Commonwealth Oil Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the following described land in Okeechobee County:

Seven-eighths ($\frac{7}{8}$) interest in Trustees' lands under Chapter 610

Lot 9 North of River and Lot 11, Section 2;

Lot 10 in Section 26;

All in Township 36 South, Range 32 East;

Seven-eighths ($\frac{7}{8}$) interest in Murphy Act land in Section 6, Township 36 South, Range 34 East;

Seven-eighths ($\frac{7}{8}$) interest in one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the minerals reserved under the Murphy Act in Section 6, Township 36 South, Range 34 East.

Applicant agrees to bid not less than \$1.00 per acre initial consideration or bonus and rental of \$1.00 an acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids, subject to the usual conditions, based on offer submitted by Commonwealth Oil Company.

Letter dated December 10, 1954, was presented from Attorney General Ervin with reference to application of Margaret W. Tye as guardian, etc., and Raymond E. Ford, for conveyance from the Trustees of approximately 53.2 acres of land lying and being westward of partial Sections 25 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, and within the boundaries of said sections extended into the Indian River, in St. Lucie County. The application indicates that it covers six unsurveyed islands, together with all contiguous filled-in riparian lands within the above mentioned area. Summing up the matter, the Attorney General states as follows:

"From the above and foregoing authorities and observations only the lands embraced within the surveyed portions of

said Sections 25 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, passed to the Grantees under the patents from the Federal Government or under the conveyances from the State of Florida, or its agency. Title to the islands in the Indian River lying westward of the meander lines of said sections did not pass under such patents and conveyances. On the evidence now before us we are inclined to the view that the lands described in the said application are sovereignty lands and within the purview of Section 253.12, Florida Statutes, unless such lands west of the meander lines of said sections have become attached to the upland by reason of accretion or under the so-called Butler Act of 1921, or Chapter 271, Florida Statutes.

“We have been presented with no sufficient evidence that the lands described in the said application are either accretion to the said upland or filled in land pursuant to the Butler Act of 1921. The said Butler Act, or Chapter 271, Florida Statutes, was repealed by Chapter 26776, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1951, in all counties except Dade and Palm Beach Counties, which are exempted from Section 253.12, Florida Statutes, as amended by said Chapter 26776 (see Duval Engineering and Contracting Company v. Sales, Supreme Court Case No. 25550, not yet reported). The said Butler Act was repealed as of May 29, 1951. The lands described in the said application for a conveyance appear to be lands subject to sale under Section 253.12, Florida Statutes, and there appears no reason for transferring the State’s title to the lands for anything less than a full and adequate consideration.”

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the views of the Attorney General as the action of the board.

Report was submitted this date from the Appraisal Committee to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions with reference to property on South Monroe Street across from the Capitol, located in the block bounded by Monroe, LaFayette, Pensacola and Calhoun Streets, one parcel being owned by the Rose Properties, Inc., and the other owned by the Estate of James B. Whitfield. The Committee appointed by the Governor recommended at the meeting December 7, that the property owned by Rose Properties, Inc., be purchased as a part of the Capitol Center at a price of \$319,600.00, with purchase to be from Internal Improvement Fund, said fund to be reimbursed from rentals to be paid by state agencies occupying the building; \$254,600.00 to be paid upon closing of the transaction and delivery of deeds and the balance of \$65,000.00 when Rose Printing Company ceases to occupy the property; Rose Printing Company to be given a maximum of eighteen (18) months to vacate the property, during which period Rose Printing Company will pay rental of \$20,000.00.

The Committee estimated that State Agencies renting space from private landlords are now paying approximately \$100,000.00 annually and a certain number of said agencies could use space in the building to be purchased from Rose Printing Company.

Action taken by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions was that the property be purchased as recommended by the Committee.

Motion was made by Comptroller Gay, seconded by Commissioner Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees Internal Improvement Fund purchase the Rose Printing Company property as recommended by the Committee from the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, \$254,600.00 to be paid upon closing and delivery of deeds and the balance of \$65,000.00 when Rose Printing Company ceases to occupy said property; that a maximum of eighteen (18) months be given Rose Printing Company to vacate the property, during which period said company will pay \$20,000.00 as rental; that said \$20,000.00 shall be paid to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and rentals from other state agencies to be transferred to the building being purchased from Rose Printing Company shall be paid to the Trustees until the amount of the loan of \$319,600.00 shall be repaid. (No action on Whitfield property.)

Governor Johns asked that he be recorded as voting No.

(The above action was taken during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, December 14, 1954, and memorandum of said action was delivered to the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees for inclusion in minutes of said Trustees.)

Financial Statements for the month of November are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1954		\$183,053.57
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales—Gross	12,798.60	
Land Sales—Less Ret'd Check	449.90	
Land Sales—Net		12,348.70
Land Lease		50.00
Certified Copies Trustees Minutes		18.50
Quitclaim Deeds		109.00
Interest—FSIC Broward Co.	2,376.00	
FSIC A&C Insp. Bldg.	301.07	2,677.07
Interest on Contract		11.98
Pipe Line R/W		100.00
Mineral Leases		328.00
Campsite Leases		400.00
Oil Leases		12,272.24
Sand, Shell & Gravel Leases		5,462.75
General Leases		375.00
Timber Lease		329.60
Bonds Called—FSIC—A&C Insp. Bldg.	90,000.00	
Total Receipts for Month	124,482.84	124,482.84

GRAND TOTAL	307,536.41
Less Disbursements for the Month	106,562.56
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1954	200,973.85

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-4-54	112680	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to St. Bd. Administration as fiscal agent for Inter-American Center Authority Account	50,000.00
	114002	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	9.00
	114003	Capital Office Equipment Co.	7.60
	114004	Ivey Motors, Inc	38.55
	114005	Rose Printing Co.	4.80
	114006	Emily L. Mann	21.75
	114007	Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency.....	49.96
	114008	Shell Oil Company	6.82
	114009	John A. Feehan, Jr., Clerk	1.00
11-5-54	114977	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	154.16
11-9-54	117486	Palm Beach Ambassador	95.00
	117487	Dorothy O. Green	70.00
11-12-54	120865	Sinclair Wells	55.12
	120866	Ralph M. McLane	72.75
11-15-54	121583	C. M. Gay, Comptroller	137.75
11-16-54	124078	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector.....	25,067.48
	124079	W. H. Meeks, Jr., Tax Collector.....	47.40
	124080	Cecile Y. Pape, Tax Collector	349.68
	124081	A. O. Ward, Tax Collector	1.84
	124082	J. C. DeShong, Tax Collector	4.71
	124083	W. E. Pound, Tax Collector .....	.46
	124084	Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector	182.70
11-17-54	126228	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State School Fund	11,935.99
	126229	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to Bd. Conservation	13,102.65
	126889	Southeastern Telephone Co.	100.20
	126890	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.29
	126891	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.30
	126892	Standard Oil Company	2.97
	126893	Capital Paper Company	14.10
11-18-54	129188	John D. Moriarty	13.82
11-22-54	132775	The H. & W. B. Drew Company.....	9.65
	132776	Ronnie Green	250.00
	132777	Sanborn Photo Service	71.00
11-23-54	135197	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector.....	204.87
	135198	Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector	4.74
	135199	Fritz Stein	83.73
11-30-54	130182	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	130183	A. R. Williams	432.88
	130184	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	130185	W. R. Culbreath	190.00

130186	M. O. Barco	373.95
130187	J. L. Dedge	350.16
130188	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
130189	W. Howell	330.95
130190	C. E. Halley	340.00
130191	S. Wells	213.75
130192	C. M. Greene	47.50
130193	R. N. Landers	26.13
130194	Blue Cross of Florida	22.40
130195	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
130196	Professional Life Insurance Co.	5.25
130197	5% Retirement Fund	198.34
130198	Federal Tax	509.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, 1954\$106,562.56

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1954	\$250.00
Receipts for the Month	0.00
Disbursements for the Month	0.00
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1954	\$250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
November 1, 1954	\$2,796.60
November 16, 1954	2,376.15
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1954	\$5,172.75

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-30-54	127800	E. Hewitt	\$360.97
	127801	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	127802	Provident Life Insurance Co.	7.75
	127803	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
	127804	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, 1954\$733.73

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 589, listing thirty (30) regular bids and fifteen (15) quitclaim deeds for releasing the State Road right of way reserved in original deeds, the State Road Department having approved the releases indicated in each deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve execution of Sarasota County Deed No. 784-Corrective to G. F. Matheson for the purpose of correcting error in description as given in original Deed No. 784 dated April 20, 1945.

Application was presented from Sun Oil Company for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the interest held by the state in Murphy Act land in Bay County, comprising 350 acres in Sections 1, 2, 34 and 35, Township 1 South, Range 12 West.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids under the usual terms and conditions as required by law.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates as approved by the Attorney General's office, said certificates covering land in Citrus, Marion, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustes adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 21, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$30.00 an acre from M. G. Rawls, Manager Woodlands Division, St. Regis Paper Company, for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 28 East, Flagler County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer from St. Regis Paper Company.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland ownership of each applicant:

1. MONROE COUNTY—Julius F. Stone, Jr., on behalf of Rudolph Bergeson, applies for 0.52 of an acre of bay bottom land in Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section 2, City of Key West, Florida. A price of \$150.00 an acre is recommended.
2. MONROE COUNTY—John A. Gardner offers \$150.00 an acre for 1.13 acres adjacent to his upland property in Torchwood, a subdivision in Lot 3, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, on Little Torch Key.
3. PINELLAS COUNTY—Carey and Harrison, on behalf of L. I. Vrooman, apply for 3 acres in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. A price of \$250.00 an acre is recommended.
4. PINELLAS COUNTY—Carey and Harrison, on behalf of C. I. Carey, apply for 1.27 acres in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. A price of \$250.00 an acre is recommended for the land.
5. PINELLAS COUNTY—Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mayer C. Kohn, applies for 24.8 acres of land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East. It is recommended that a price of \$100.00 be fixed for the land, and a minor adjustment in the west boundary to prevent an overlap in conveyances be made.
6. SARASOTA COUNTY—Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of Clarence D. Bailey, offers \$100.00 an acre for 3.1 acres of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East.
7. SARASOTA COUNTY—George Stoll, Jr., on behalf of Bartlett Eldredge and Mrs. Lorene J. Stoll, offers \$200.00 an acre for 20.12 acres of land adjacent to their upland in Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 18 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the seven (7) parcels for objections only based on the prices offered and recommended.

Carl E. Newcomer applies for a grazing lease on 160 acres of Dade County land in Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, for which he offers \$1.00 an acre annually for a five year lease.

Mr. Wells explained that there is now outstanding Lease No. 375 in favor of Civil Aeronautics Administration with rental of \$1.00 per annum and Mr. Newcomer states that the C.A.A. has no objection to use of the land for grazing purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Newcomer, with rental at the rate of \$1.00 an acre annually, conditioned upon receipt of letter from the Civil Aeronautics Administration that there will be no objection on its part to the grazing lease.

Mr. B. Elliott, representing the City of Pahokee, Florida, presented application for a loan of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with which to construct a breakwater out in Lake Okeechobee to protect the dock facility of the city and to serve the commercial and tourist needs of that area. The following resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Pahokee was presented, setting forth the purpose for which the loan is requested:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2-54

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION OF A \$200,000.00 LOAN FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAKWATER ON LAKE OKEECHOBEE AT PAHOKEE, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, the development of the Lake Okeechobee area has created a demand for water transportation facilities to serve the agricultural, tourist and industrial needs of the section, and

WHEREAS, there is now located a dock facility within the City of Pahokee sufficient for a beginning of such project, but the said facility is unprotected from the rough waters of the said lake during frequent high winds, and

WHEREAS, a breakwater constructed in such a manner to protect the said dock facility would make it economically possible to develop the said dock and harbor facility to serve the commercial and tourist needs of the area,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT HEREBY IS, RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1st. That the Mayor, Lewis Friend, is hereby authorized to negotiate a loan of \$200,000.00 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, for and on behalf of the City of Pahokee.

2nd. That such loan be for the sole purpose of the construction of a breakwater as proposed in certain preliminary plans and specifications as prepared by Gee & Jensen, engineers.

3rd. That such loan be repaid at the rate of not less than \$10,000.00 per year over a twenty year period, first from income and revenue derived from such port facility and secondly from cigarette tax revenue of the City of Pahokee.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Pahokee, Florida, on the 13th day of December, A.D., 1954.

F. S. PARISH

President

R. B. SIMONSON

JAMES H. WILKINSON, JR.

LOREN MEREDITH

Councilmen

Attest: Dorothy M. Graham
City Clerk

In discussing the request, Mr. B. Elliott stated that the City of Pahokee will obligate itself to repay the loan at the rate of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) annually, first from revenue received from port facility and secondly from cigarette tax revenue; that the improvement will be of state-wide advantage, serving not only that area but water transportation from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf; that the port facility at Pahokee is the only port from Stuart to Fort Myers.

Upon inquiry as to whether any of the proposed loan would be used for dock facilities, Mr. B. Elliott assured the board that none of the \$200,000.00 would be used for any purpose except construction of the breakwater.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the City of Pahokee for loan of \$200,000.00, subject to approval of the Comptroller, and that the Attorney General be authorized to prepare the necessary papers to implement the resolution by the City of Pahokee and the action taken by the Trustees, making provision for repayment of said loan.

The above action was subsequently approved by Comptroller Gay.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 28, 1954

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Charley E. Johns, Acting Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

COLLIER COUNTY—Mr. Wells reported that on November 9, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$420.00 from George T. Hester for purchase of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Section 32, Township 52 South, Range 27 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$420.00, and notice of the sale was published in the Collier County News on November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1954, with sale to be held on this date.

Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and announced that he has received a bid of \$750.00 for the lots.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$1200.00 being made by George T. Hester.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1200.00 from Mr. Hester for the lots as advertised.

MANATEE COUNTY—On November 9, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of Max B. Cohen and C. B. Scott, Sr., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota and Palma Sola Bays lying adjacent to, westerly and southerly of Government Lots 3, 4 and 5, Section 34, and Government Lot 3 of Section 35, both in Township 34 South, Range 16 East, containing 30 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that objections have been filed to the sale by Leo and Ruth W. Mahar, owners of part of Government Lot 5. Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be passed over pending determination as to validity of the objections, and if found invalid that sale be confirmed in favor of applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay, and adopted, that the Trustees pass over Manatee County sale pending outcome of objections filed.

DUVAL COUNTY—On November 9, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 from J. W. Connolly, president, on behalf of Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Company, Inc., for purchase of a tract of submerged land in the bed of the St. Johns River, in Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, containing 5 acres, more or less, and lying adjacent to Sibbald Grant in Section 50, of said township and range. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Florida Times Union on November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Eastern Seaboard Petroleum Company at the price offered—\$500.00.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 9, 1954, The Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. R. Thompson, on behalf of himself and Mrs. L. O. Hanna, for purchase of two (2) parcels of bay bottom land lying north and adjacent to Government Lot 2 in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, at Key Vaca. Parcel No. 1 contains 3.18 acres, more or less, and Parcel No. 2 contains 1.85 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1954, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that no objections have been filed to the sale of parcel No. 2, but objections have been filed by Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. L. O. Hanna and Mr. Fred Center, to sale of Parcel No. 1, containing 3.18 acres as originally platted. The latter parcel is in controversy partly because it is contended that the channel should not be sold and also that land in front of Mrs. Hanna's upland is involved. It was stated that Mrs. Hanna was not aware that application had been made to purchase this land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that action on sale of Parcel No. 1 be held up until February 15, 1955, to determine whether or not Mrs. Hanna and Mr. Thompson consummate a sale of adjacent upland property; also that Mr. Thompson and Mr. Center agree on a boundary line between the Center property and the Thompson property.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of Parcel No. 2, containing 1.85 acres, in favor of Mr. Thompson at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On request from Mr. Anderson Bouchelle, the Trustees readvertised for objections only those unsurveyed marsh and mangrove, submerged and semi-submerged islands lying north of the Lytle Avenue or South Causeway Bridge, in the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, bounded on the west and north by Indian River and on the east by Callalisa Creek, lying and being in the unsurveyed portions of Township 17 South, Range 34 East, comprising 70 acres, more or less. It was explained that these parcels were recently advertised in a Daytona Beach paper and sold to Mr. Bouchelle; that in examination of title it was deemed necessary that the advertisement appear in a newspaper published in the county seat. Notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on November 26, December 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1954, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Bouchelle in order to perfect title under previous advertisement.

Zell H. Altman offers \$100.00 an acre for 0.24 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Osborne, Section 20, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lake bottom land in favor of Mr. Altman at the price offered without advertisement.

Offer of \$100.00 an acre was presented from Vada Mildred Yeomans for purchase of approximately 2 acres of submerged land in Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer submitted, the applicant being the adjacent upland owner.

Offer of \$50.00 annually was presented from Dick Payne for five-year campsite lease on a parcel of land 200 feet by 200 feet on Long Arsnicker Key, Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of five-year campsite lease in favor of Mr. Payne with annual rental of \$50.00.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Florida Power Corporation for a permit for construction of a steel tower overhead transmission line, crossing Old Tampa Bay, an approximate distance of 2.7 miles north of Courtney Campbell Causeway, between Booth Point and the west shore line midway between Safety Harbor and Phillippi Point, Pinellas County.

Mr. Elliot recommends that instead of permits the Trustees authorize year to year leases on an annual rental basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize leases as recommended by Mr. Elliot upon payment of annual rental in advance, the lease to continue so long as used for the purpose stated; rental in the instant case to be at the rate of \$28.00 annually in advance.

Mr. Elliot presented as information an item clipped from the Miami Daily News of December 26, 1954, giving notice that Inter-American Center Authority was inviting engineering firms to submit brochures and record of performance, said information being desired in connection with construction of the Center.

Mr. Elliot reported that Mr. W. P. Fuller of St. Petersburg, Florida, stated that he had no objection to the postponing by the Trustees of action on his application to purchase land on Terra Ceia Island in Manatee County. On December 14, the Trustees deferred action pending outcome of litigation known as the "Knott Case."

Mr. Elliot recommended that the Trustees, acting under provision of Chapter 610, purchase land which came to the State under the Murphy Act described as Part Lot 1, Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, Key Largo, Monroe County, containing 5 acres, more or less, at a price equal to one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of the Murphy Act land described at one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, which is at the rate of \$1.50 an acre, conveyance to be under Chapter 21684.

Long Key Sewer District of Pinellas County makes application for approximately two (2) acres of submerged land to be used as the site of a sewage disposal plant. The land desired is the Gulfport Middle Grounds lying slightly south of a line projected east and west through the middle of Boca Ciega Isle. The tract is east of the main channel about 3000 feet east of Long Key, about 1000 feet east of Boca Ciega Isle and about one and one-fourth miles west of Cat's Point on the Gulfport shore.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees allow the request of the Long Key Sewer District subject to said district securing approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

The Committee from the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions recommended to said Board on this date the purchase of the James B. Whitfield property, described as Lots 99, 100, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 108 of the original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund were requested to purchase said lots at a price of \$187,000.00 for the land and \$15,000.00 for improvements, making a total purchase price of \$202,000.00.

Acting as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Treasurer Larson and adopted, that the Trustees purchase the Whitfield property described as Lots 99, 100, 104, 105, 106, 107 and 108 of the original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, Florida, at a price of Two Hundred and Two Thousand Dollars (\$202,000.00), subject to approval by the Attorney General as to title and deed of conveyance to the Trustees.

(The above action was taken during the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, December 28, 1954, and memorandum of said action was delivered to the Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees for inclusion in minutes of said Trustees.)

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and regular bills and expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	49.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	72.15
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	17.26
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	5.25
Midyette-Moore Insurance Agency, Tallahassee	29.60
The Okeechobee News, Okeechobee, Fla.	32.20
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County	
Bal. due on C. & S.F.F.C. District taxes	5.14
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	5,443.38
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board Conservation	4,139.70
W. R. Culbreath, Miami, Fla.—Expenses	7.27
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.65
Holland Kelley, Bartow, Fla.	46.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	166.87
Avery W. Gilkerson, CCC Pinellas County	
For recording fee	2.10
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County	
For certified copies Final Decree, etc	5.75
Margaret R. Whitfield, widow of and as Executrix	
of Estate of James B. Whitfield, deceased, et al	
For purchase of Whitfield property for Capitol	
Center, Part Payment	79,362.80
TOTAL	\$93,770.84

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 590 listing nine (9) regular bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296.

Mr. Joseph A. Maloney and wife make request for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953, of Lot 18, Block 269, Greater Apalachicola, Franklin County. Applicants have furnished all necessary information and complied with the law in filing said application.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lot described at one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value—\$6.25—conveyance to be made under Chapter 28317.

Harold Davis requests reduction in base bid from \$112.50 to \$40.00 for advertising Lot 7, A. M. Clark Subdivision, Orange County, stating that in 1932 when the lot was valued at \$450.00 there was a house on the property, which has since been removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to advertise the lot with a base bid of \$100.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper.....	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

CHARLEY E. JOHNS
Acting Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
January 11, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot stated that it was customary to adopt a resolution at the first meeting after the inauguration of a new Governor for the purpose of electing the Governor as chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to organize by designating the

incoming Governor as Chairman of the Said Trustees, Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund designate the Honorable LeRoy Collins, Governor of Florida, as Chairman of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and, pursuant to custom, in his absence the next member of the Trustees according to the order in which their names appear as designated in the Act creating the Internal Improvement Fund, shall preside as Chairman.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised for competitive bids to be received on this date:

BROWARD COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Olin S. Peck, on behalf of Arthur V. Davis, for purchase of

1. All of Section 14, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, containing 640 acres, more or less, and
2. All that part of Section 36, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, lying south of State Road 84, containing 272 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$150.00 an acre and notice of the sale was advertised in the Fort Lauderdale News on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the two parcels of land was called out and the only bid received was \$150.00 an acre from Arthur V. Davis.

BROWARD COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Tony Salvino for purchase of the SW¼ of Section 10, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, containing 150.75 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$50.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was advertised in the Fort Lauderdale News on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells announced that he has received a bid of \$100.00 an acre from Edward Noulin of Miami Beach, Florida, at which amount the bidding will start.

George Polera offered \$102.00 an acre for the land, which was the highest bid received.

Discussion was had as to whether the bids received are in line with the value of the land. Governor Collins recommended that action on the sales be withheld for thirty (30) days and the Land Agent submit recommendations as to whether the bids are sufficient.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would like to follow the idea expressed by Mr. E. D. Keefer, President of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, in a letter received some months ago, as he would like to see the State keep in line and have appraisals made by registered appraisers in the vicinity in which the land is located; that it has been suggested from time to time that the Trustees should have up-to-date appraisals on State lands.

Mr. Mayo suggested that since these lands have been advertised and parties have come up here to bid on the assumption that sales would be held, that the Trustees go ahead with said sales.

Mr. Tony Salvino, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Broward County, urged that the Trustees sell any lands they have left in Broward County where they receive a fair offer, so that the land not needed for state purposes can get on the tax books and the county receive benefit from the taxes.

Governor Collins suggested that the bids be received and held, with the understanding that if the appraised value approximates the high bid offered, the Trustees will confirm sale, and if the appraised value is higher than said bids that the sale be reopened and the land readvertised for competitive bids.

The suggestion of the Governor was adopted as the action of the board.

Mr. Larson stated that the Trustees have discussed several times having new and up-to-date appraisals made of state land in order to establish values when applications are made to purchase; that no definite policy has been approved as yet but he feels that when applications are received to purchase, the Trustee should have some basis for arriving at the value to be placed on the land. Other suggestions were offered on the subject, but no definite action or policy was agreed upon.

Mr. Wells presented eleven (11) sales advertised to be held on this date, applications having been made by adjacent upland owners to purchase the submerged land in front of their property.

Governor Collins asked that action on these sales be postponed for thirty (30) days so that he might study the procedure and have a better understanding of the subject. The request was agreed to and so ordered.

Dr. Bradley M. Waldron asked that the Trustees take action today on the parcel of land in Pinellas County for which he made application November 23, 1954, being a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Panama Key, containing 8 acres, more or less. Dr. Waldron stated that it is very necessary that he have this parcel in order to protect his upland from erosion; that he will lose thousands of dollars already invested in his project if he does not get this 8 acres; that he has the approval of all the county officials and Board of County Commissioners for the work he is doing, and the Trustees have already agreed to the sale.

Bernard M. Shotkin protested the sale to Dr. Waldron, stating that he had offered double the price for the land but was told his bid could not be considered. (Mr. Shotkin later asked that he be allowed to withdraw his protest to the sale, and his request was granted.)

Attorney General Ervin and Treasurer Larson stated that in view of the circumstances they would be willing for this sale to be considered at this time and approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that in view of previous consideration and previous agreement, the sale of the eight-acre parcel be consummated in favor of Dr. Waldron at the price offered, \$100.00 per acre, notwithstanding the policy adopted regarding sales.

The ten (10) other sales advertised to be held today, applied for by adjacent upland owners, are as follows:

1. PASCO COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. Hardin Peterson, Jr., on behalf of John E. Tsavaris and wife, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in Anclote Anchorage in Sections 19 and 30, Township 26 South, Range 15 East. Parcel No. 1 in Section 30 contains 23 acres, more or less, and Parcel No. 2 in Section 19 contains 21 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Dade City Banner on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. PINELLAS COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Dewey T. Morris, on behalf of Mrs. J. A. Tallman, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Clam Bayou in Section 34, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, lying south of and across Beach Drive from Lot 56 of Brunson Dowell Subdivision, containing 1.69 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and copy of notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. PINELLAS COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from N. W. Berger, on behalf of Hazel B. Huffman, for purchase of 1.6 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 3, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, starting from the northwest corner of Government Lot 1 of said section. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater

Sun on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. PINELLAS COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of R. W. Shackelford and LaMar Sarra, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay in Section 35, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to the South 662.93 feet of Government Lot 1 and all of Government Lot 2 of said Section 35, containing 24.08 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Edward H. Jones for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lyons Bay in Section 1, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lots 4 to 10, inclusive, Block 46 of Corrected Plat of Bay Point, containing 3.76 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

6. SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Edward H. Jones for purchase of 2.87 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Lyons Bay in Sections 1 and 2, Township 39 South, Range 18 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on December 10, 17, 24, 31, 1954, and January 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. VOLUSIA COUNTY—At the request of Mr. Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of clients, the Trustees readvertised for objections only the following parcels of land advertised for sale in 1952.

Upon examination of title under original sale it was deemed necessary that the land be advertised in a newspaper published in the

county seat. Whereupon, notice was published in the DeLand Sun News on December 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1954, with resale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication in each application is filed in the records of the Land Office:

- Parcel 1: 0.58 of an acre, more or less, of submerged and semi-submerged land in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Wilcox, purchasers at original sale September 16, 1952.
- Parcel 2: 54 acres of submerged and semi-submerged land in the unsurveyed portion of Section 6, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. Anderson C. Bouchelle, purchaser at original sale March 4, 1952.
- Parcel 3: 7.36 acres of submerged and filled land in the unsurveyed part of Township 16 South, Range 33 East. I. Walter Hawkins was purchaser at original sale July 1, 1952.
- Parcel 4: 4.45 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East. Eva P. Rowley was purchaser at original sale September 16, 1952.

It was ordered that consideration of the above ten (10) sales advertised to be held today be postponed for thirty (30) days, and that all other items on Mr. Wells' agenda be postponed until the next meeting.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Murphy Act Report No. 591 listing 31 regular bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 591 and accept the bids reported.

Mr. Elliot presented seventeen (17) requests for release of state road right of way reserved in original Murphy Act deeds, with information that the State Road Department had approved release of the whole or such part of the reservation as was described in each deed of release.

Governor Collins asked that the seventeen requests be referred to the present Road Board for re-examination and approval before final action is taken by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Without objection it was so ordered.

All other items on the Secretary's agenda were postponed until the next meeting of the board.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Tallahassee, Florida

January 18, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated December 14, 21 and 28, 1954, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Joint session of the State Board of Education and Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was called with Secretary of State R. A. Gray and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas D. Bailey, of the State Board of Education, being recorded as present.

Mr. Mayo stated that a delegation from Belle Glade was present to submit a proposal to the Trustees in connection with ramie fiber production in the Everglades section of Florida and for creating a market in the United States for said product. The following members of the delegation were introduced:

Emmett S. Roberts, State Representative, Palm Beach County
 George H. Wedgeworth
 Herman S. Close
 Dr. R. V. Allison, Everglades Experiment Station
 Luther Jones, and
 Albert Kruse.

Representative Roberts stated that he was also speaking on behalf of Senator Morrow and Representative Dickinson of Palm Beach County who could not be here today; that he is here with a group of growers from Palm Beach County in the interest of the fiber (ramie) industry in the Everglades section, and they are recommending to the Trustees the appointment of a competent man to promote the fiber industry in Florida and a market for the fiber.

Mr. Wedgeworth and Dr. Allison reported on the growth of ramie in that section over the past twenty years and the potential value to the state from this crop, but it is necessary to have someone acting in a liaison capacity to coordinate the agricultural and industrial interests. A solution of this problem will mean large areas of Trustees' and School Board lands will be put into cultivation.

The delegation requests that the Trustees appoint a man to act in a liaison or public relations capacity, and recommends that Mr. H. G. Morton, a former War Production Board staff member and a highly trained specialist in that line, be appointed to the position.

Commissioner of Agriculture Mayo approved the plan and recommends that Mr. Morton be employed on a six-month trial basis at an annual salary of \$7,500.00 plus per diem travel expense.

A letter was read from Dr. Willard M. Fifield, Director of Florida Experiment Stations, University of Florida, recommending the employment of a man to act in the capacity explained, and highly recommended Mr. Morton for the position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund appoint H. G. Morton as liaison or public relations officer, effective February 1, 1955, for a trial period of six months on the basis of an annual salary of \$7,500.00 plus per diem and travel expense when away from his headquarters; Mr. Morton to be under direct supervision of Dr. Fifield through Dr. R. V. Allison, Everglades Experiment Station; Mr. Morton to submit monthly progress reports to Dr. Fifield with copy to each member of the Trustees and to Mr. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.

Mr. Wells presented request from the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County that the Trustees release the reversion clause in Deed No. 18628 issued to said Board, the property thereby conveyed to be used for public school purposes only. The Board states that it is not in position to build on the property at this time but would like to have permission to rent the land temporarily until it is needed for school purposes.

Mr. Wells recommends that the reversion clause be released as the School Board paid for the land at the prevailing rate at that time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of reversion clause in Deed No. 18628 issued to the Board of Public Instruction of Palm Beach County.

Mr. Wells recommends that Trustees renew the legislative service with Henry S. Wrenn, Director of Florida Legislative Reporters, Inc., during the 1955 session, the charge for which will be \$500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of the legislative service from Mr. Wrenn at the price of \$500.00 for the 1955 session.

Harold C. Lumpkin makes application for a campsite lease on a parcel 135 feet wide on Long Arsnicker Key in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, for which he offers \$50.00 annually for a five-year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year campsite lease in favor of Mr. Lumpkin covering the parcel described, upon payment of \$50.00 annually in advance.

Mr. K. E. Martin, on behalf of Sarasota Shell Company, Inc., makes application for a shell lease on an area from Midnight Pass to Siesta Key Bridge in and along the channel from approximately sixty (60) feet to one hundred (100) feet wide and from six (6) feet to eighteen (18) feet deep, located in Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. The area has been approved by the Conservation Department and contains no live oysters.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year lease in favor of Sarasota Shell Company, Inc., covering the area described, upon payment of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard for all shell removed.

Application was presented from John Schmarje for two-year extension, under the same terms and conditions, of his Mussel Shell Lease No. 860. The lease covers the areas in the Chipola River bottoms and the Dead Lakes in Calhoun and Gulf Counties, also the river bottoms of the Ochlockonee River from its mouth to the Georgia line.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of two years in Lease No. 860 in favor of Mr. Schmarje under the same terms and conditions as original lease.

Two applications were presented from the State Road Department for right of way across state land in Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way in favor of the State Road Department across the following designated land in Manatee County:

Right of way across Manatee River and Warners Bayou in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, lying within fifty (50) feet each side of the survey line of Shore Road, for use in connection with Warners Bayou Bridge, Section 1300-150, SRD 9;

Right of way across that part of the submerged land in Sarasota Pass lying within 100 feet each side of the center line, extending from the east shore of Government Lot 2, Section 4, to the west shore of the mainland in the Town of Cortez, and Government Lot 3 of Section 3, all in Township 35 South, Range 16 East.

Mr. Joel Hurt of Miami Beach, Florida, presented application to lease from the Trustees a right of way on which to build a causeway from Miami Beach to Key Largo.

Mr. Hurt was advised that the Trustees are not in position to discuss the matter at this time as it will be necessary for him to submit his proposal in writing and the Trustees would then have to notify the County Commissioners of Dade County and give opportunity for all interested parties to be heard on the proposal. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells reported that he has taken up with the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers (E. D. Keefer, President), the appraising of state lands in the southern part of the state; that in some areas there are no registered appraisers, but those nearest to parcels applied for will be used where needed.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that in the southern and eastern parts of the state, registered appraisers be used as those are areas where land values change rapidly.

Mr. Larson stated that it was not his understanding that all state land would be appraised at one time; that when applications are received appraisals can then be made and the land advertised for sale; that where registered appraisers are not available, Mr. Wells can use his judgment and get information as to land values in the vicinity of those owned by the state.

Discussion was had as to whether applicant to purchase or the Trustees would pay for the appraisals and it was decided that the Trustees would pay the cost of appraisals, except in some instances where it is agreed that the applicant furnishes survey.

Without objections it was agreed that along the east coast and the southern part of the state, including Monroe County, that registered appraisers be used for making appraisals on state lands; that appraisals not be made until applications have been received to purchase and a tentative starting bid agreed upon.

Two requests were presented from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for right of way over land in Palm Beach County as follows:

R/W over a strip of land 225 x 850 feet over reclaimed bottoms of Lake Mangonia adjacent to Government Lot 12, Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East;

Title to a parcel of reclaimed Lake Okeechobee bottom land comprising approximately 3 acres in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, said parcel to be used as the site for Pumping Station S-3 and Levee L-25, together with a temporary easement till March, 1958, at the same locality for doing work at Miami Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant requests from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District and authorize issuance of right of way easements and deed covering the parcels described.

Recommendation was made that the Trustees under Chapter 610 purchase from the state at the regular base bid certain land under Chapter 18296, the Murphy Act, located in Bay, Okaloosa, Walton and Washington Counties, description of which will have to be determined after checking the certificate lists and examination on the ground. The lands for the most part are favorably located on bays and sounds in those counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of the Murphy Act land as recommended by the Secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a table to be used in his office at an estimated cost of between \$50 and \$60.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of refund warrant in the sum of \$580.00 to George F. Carolan as reimbursement on Sand Lease No. 899—Broward County—no material having been removed under said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.....	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer—To U.S.G.S. Coop. Account	13,425.00
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer—To U.S.G.S. Account.....	3,352.00
State Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	51.90
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County—Recording fees.....	4.60
Geo. Y. Core, CCC Gulf County—Recording fees.....	1.70
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	81.80
Haynes E. Williams, CCC Okeechobee County.....	3.00
Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Minnesota, Atlanta, Ga.....	101.26
Al W. Furen, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Refund.....	1,436.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	15.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	75.65
Key West Citizen, Key West, Florida.....	18.40
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla.....	19.45
International Business Machines Corp., Tallahassee, Fla.....	30.00
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County, Recording fees.....	4.60

Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County, Key West, Fla.....	1.60
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County, Ft. Lauderdale	2.20
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	37.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	6.00
Margaret R. Whitfield, et al.—Property purchase.....	122,637.20
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—To School Fund.....	29,056.27
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—To Board of Conser- vation	18,233.77
D. H. Varn, Ft. Meade, Fla.—Refund.....	62.50
Nelson-McVay, Titusville, Fla.—for appraisal.....	50.00
Eugene L. Barnes & Son, St. Augustine, Fla.—Appraisal	25.00
Albert J. Mills, Key West, Fla.—Appraisal.....	125.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	8.98
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County—Recording fee.....	1.80
W. S. Weaver, CCC Bay County—Recording fee.....	1.85
D. T. Farabee, CCC Lee County—Recording fee.....	1.25
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla.—Land advertisements	101.20
State Office Supply Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	26.46
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.....	14.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—Deed 04-Ch.21684.....	62.50
C. M. Gay, Comptroller—For travel vouchers.....	35.80
Geo. F. Carolan & Mila V. Carolan, Ft. Lauderdale— For Refund, Sand Lease No. 899.....	580.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale—Appraisal fee.....	400.00
Total	\$194,474.21

Financial Statements for the Month of December, 1954, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1954.....		\$200,973.85
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	\$ 56,598.93	
Land lease	5,864.48	
Farm lease	1,680.00	
Tax Refund	1,205.30	
Quitclaim Deeds	80.00	
Advertising Refunds	32.20	
Interest from School Bonds—		
Broward County	\$ 247.00	
Lake County	975.00	
Hillsborough County	2,512.50	
Volusia County	1,365.00	5,099.50
Miscellaneous Leases	53.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	19,707.75	
Mineral Leases	225.00	
Grazing Leases	115.00	
Warehouse Lease	275.00	
Timber Leases	4,448.20	
Oil and Gas Leases	50,175.30	
Total Receipts for the Month.....	145,559.66	145,559.66

GRAND TOTAL	346,533.51
Less Disbursements for the Month.....	93,770.84
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954	\$252,762.67

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1954

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12- 8-54	148707	Southeastern Telephone Co.	\$ 72.15
	148708	Shell Oil Company	17.28
	148709	Standard Oil Company	5.25
	148710	Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency...	29.60
	148711	The Okeechobee News	32.20
	148712	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	49.00
12-14-54	156623	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector...	5.14
	154814	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer...	5,443.38
12-15-54	154815	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer...	4,139.70
12-17-54	162067	W. R. Culbreath	7.27
12-21-54	165111	Holland Kelley	46.00
	165110	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	2.65
12-23-54	166771	Sinclair Wells	166.87
12-30-54	174100	Margaret R. Whitfield, et al.....	79,362.80
	174101	Avery W. Gilkerson, CCC.....	2.10
	174102	Frank H. Marks, CCC.....	5.75
12-31-54	162309	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	162310	A. R. Williams	432.88
	162311	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	162312	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	162313	M. O. Barco	373.95
	162314	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	162315	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	162316	W. Howell	330.95
	162317	C. E. Halley	339.25
	162318	S. Wells	213.75
	162319	C. M. Greene	47.50
	162320	R. N. Landers	26.13
	162321	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	162322	Wilson Life Insurance Co.....	22.38
	162323	Professional Life Ins. Co.....	5.25
	162324	5% Retirement Fund	198.34
	162325	Federal Tax	509.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1954.....			\$93,770.84

U.S.G.S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1954	\$250.00
Receipts for the Month	— 0 —
Disbursements for the month	— 0 —
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1954	250.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue Fund:

December 7, 1954	\$1,746.30
December 20, 1954	1,658.95
Gross Receipts	3,405.25
Less Returned Check	5.00
Net Receipts	3,400.25

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12-31-54	159142	E. Hewitt	\$360.97
	159143	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	159144	Provident Life Ins. Co.	7.75
	159145	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
	159146	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1954.....	\$733.73
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 592 listing twenty (20) regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land, also seventeen (17) requests for release of state road right of way reserved in original deeds, said requests having been referred to the present Road Board and approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 592, accepting the bids for Murphy Act lands, authorizing issuance of deeds corresponding thereto, and approving execution of quitclaim deeds for releasing road rights of way as recommended by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Citrus, Dixie, Franklin, Okaloosa, Pasco and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 25, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated January 11, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees adopt the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that he has received appraisals on three Broward County sales advertised for competitive bids January 11, and action deferred pending receipt of appraisals. The following appraisals have been received:

Parcel No. 1—Appraised at \$200.00 an acre.
Highest bid at sale \$150.00 an acre by
Arthur V. Davis, for all of Section 14,
Township 50 South, Range 39 East, 640
acres;

Parcel No. 2—Appraised at \$325.00 an acre.
Highest bid at sale \$150.00 an acre by
Arthur V. Davis, for 272 acres in Section
36, Township 49 South, Range 39 East;

Parcel No. 3—Appraised at \$80.00 an acre.
Highest bid at sale \$102.00 an acre by
George Polera for 150.75 acres in Section
10, Township 51 South, Range 39 East.

Mr. Wells stated that Mr. Davis has agreed to raise his bids to the appraised value for parcels 1 and 2, and the bid of \$102.00 an acre by Mr. Polera, being higher than the appraisal for parcel 3, stands as the high bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the appraised value for parcels 1 and 2, which Mr. Davis agreed to pay; and for parcel 3 that the highest bid by Mr. Polera—\$102.00 an acre—be accepted. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells submitted the following recommendations for handling sales in the future:

1. That when offer is received on isolated small parcels of land in an area where no appraiser resides, the Land Agent will submit the offer for consideration with a recommendation. If the Board desires an appraisal they can so indicate, or direct that the land be advertised on the basis of the recommended price.

2. That there are a number of pending cases where applications have already been presented and the land is now being advertised for sale to be held during the next month; that said applications will be brought up on the date advertised and bid off, whether or not an appraisal has been received. It is suggested that in these cases the Trustees take action as follows: the high bid will control if the appraisal is less; if the appraisal when received exceeds the high bid, the person making the high bid will have the right to meet the appraised figure and no further action will be required; if he fails to meet the appraised figure the sale will be cancelled.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Wells be approved as the action of the board.

Without objection it was agreed that in the future no land will be advertised before appraisal has been received, and the appraised figure will be the starting bid for lands when advertised; that in isolated areas where land values are low and no appraisers available, the Land Agent use good business judgment and contact real estate man, or person familiar with land values, and get their views as to value of the parcel.

Governor Collins suggested that it might be wise to review the list of state lands and where it appears they might be enhanced in value, the Trustees withhold such areas from sale. An example given was area in the vicinity of the proposed Inter-American Center in Dade County.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees have in the past few years withdrawn from sale some sixty or seventy thousand acres of land located within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for the reason that with the progress of works in the district, the lands of the state will be much more valuable later on than at present; also that a number of parcels of Murphy Act land have been purchased from the state under the Murphy Act where it appeared advisable to block up acreage in the Flood Control area.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held today subject to competitive bids:

MANATEE COUNTY—On December 7, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Claude S. Ginn for purchase of the Unsurveyed portions of Sections 12, 13 and 14, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, containing 200 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in the

Bradenton Herald on December 24, 31, 1954, January 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that the appraised value of this land is \$18.00 an acre.

Mr. Ginn offered \$18.00 an acre for the land, and no other bid was received.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$18.00 an acre from Mr. Ginn and confirm sale in his favor.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 23, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. Curry Harris, on behalf of William J. Bryant, for purchase of three (3) parcels of land described as:

Parcel No. 1—A mangrove flat in the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, containing 2.0 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 2—A mangrove flat in the $N\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, containing 10.0 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 3—A group of three (3) small keys known as Little Sandy Keys in Section 23, containing 0.9 or an acre, more or less.
All in Township 67 South, Range 26 East.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$200.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 24, 31, 1954, January 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the three parcels separately. Competitive bidding for Parcel 1 resulted in a high bid of \$700.00 an acre made by Joe Sirugo, and for Parcel 2 a high bid of \$610.00 an acre made by Anderson C. Bouchelle.

For parcel No. 3, a group of 3 small keys, Mr. Wells stated that an offer of \$300.00 for the three keys has been received from Lyman Atwood of Bristol, Tennessee, at which figure the bidding will start, and that offers will be made for the three keys and not per acre. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$600.00 for the three keys by Joe Sirugo.

Mr. Wells explained that the bids would be held pending receipt of appraisals, which have not been received.

According to the policy adopted, if the appraisals on the parcels described are less than the bids, the bids will be accepted; if appraisals are higher than the bids, the high bidder in each case will have opportunity to raise his bid to the appraised figure. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held today based on applications from adjacent upland owners, appraisals on which have been requested but not yet received:

PINELLAS COUNTY—On December 7 and 14, 1954, the Trustees considered the following offers:

1. Offer of \$200.00 on acre from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Atoris, Inc., for purchase of 5.4 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East;
2. Offer of \$100.00 an acre from Anice L. Proestos for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Inness Bayou in Section 14, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, lying northeasterly of and across Gulf Road from Lots 4 and 5, Block 2, Inness Park Extension, containing 0.11 of an acre more or less;
3. Offer of \$100.00 for the parcel from Herbert Blanton, on behalf of Edward J. Thede, for purchase of a parcel of land lying between the north boundary of Lots 14, 15 and 16, of Avondale Subdivision and Stevensons or Stephens Creek, having an average length east and west of approximately 180 feet and an average width north and south of approximately 51 feet, containing 0.21 of an acre, more or less, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 15 East.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the Pinellas County land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on December 24, 31, 1954, January 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication in each case are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the Pinellas County land and stated that no objections have been received to any of the sales.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 23, December 7 and 14, 1954, the Trustees considered the following offers:

1. Offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of J. S. Y. Ivins and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 24, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lots 6 and 7, Block 63, Crain's Subdivision, containing 0.96 of an acre, more or less;
2. Offer of \$100.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of L. Tucker for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, southeasterly of and adjacent to Government Lot 6, Section 33, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, at Boca Chica, containing 5.0 acres, more or less;
3. Offer of \$200.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Isthmian Realty Company, Inc., a Panamanian Corporation, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, south of Seaside Park Subdivision, in the City of Key West, Florida;

4. Offer of \$150.00 an acre from F. Robert Voth for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Section 14, Township 62 South, Range 38 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Lots 8, 9, 10 and 11, Block 5 of the Plat of Seaside, containing 0.93 of an acre, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the Monroe County land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 24, 31, 1954, January 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication in each case are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the Monroe County land and stated that no objections have been filed to any of the sales.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On December 14, 1954, the Trustees considered the following offers:

1. Offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Lamar Investment Company, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying north-easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 66, 66-A and 66-B of Fernald and Chadwicks Re-Subdivision, containing 0.4 of an acre, more or less;
2. Offer of \$100.00 an acre from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Leo Bentz, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of the South 100 feet, as measured along the east right of way line of U. S. Highway No. 1, of Lot 3 of Lowd's Subdivision, containing 1.1 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the Volusia County land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun-News on December 24, 31, 1954, January 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication in each case are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the Volusia County land and stated that no objections have been filed to either of the sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo an adopted, that the Trustees approve sales as advertised of lands in Pinellas, Monroe and Volusia Counties, subject to appraisals; that upon receipt of said appraisals the sales be confirmed if the appraised value is equal or less than the amount offered; if greater, that the applicants be given opportunity to meet the appraised figure and receive deed.

Mr. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of John M. Ferguson, offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 3.91 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 18 East, Manatee County.

Mr. Wells reported that the land is located adjacent to upland property of applicant and that he has received an appraisal of \$90.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer submitted.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of land held by the Trustees:

SARASOTA COUNTY—Offer of \$100.00 from L. W. Bauer for 0.36 of an acre adjacent to his upland property in Lot 3, Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 18 East;

ORANGE COUNTY—Offer of \$25.00 an acre from G. B. Fishback, on behalf of Glen Henson, for 84.16 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Hart in the SW¼ of Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 31 East;

LEE COUNTY—W. C. Whitworth applies for approximately 2 acres of mangrove known as Benedict Key in Township 44 South, Range 21 or 22 East. A price of \$200.00 an acre is recommended;

MARTIN COUNTY—W. R. Scott, on behalf of Superior Properties, Inc., applies for 9.37 acres of submerged land westerly of Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 42 East. A price of \$200.00 an acre is recommended.

COLLIER COUNTY—Offer of \$650.00 from Melvin G. Pierce for purchase of Lot 7, Section 6, Township 52 South, Range 27 East, containing 41.74 acres, more or less;

LEE COUNTY—Offer of \$25.00 an acre from George R. Davis for Lot 6, Section 10, Township 44 South, Range 22 East, containing 9.80 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Land Agent secure appraisals on the foregoing parcels and submit to the Trustees for action.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for competitive bids Lot 9, Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, containing 31.4 acres in Gulf County, application having been made by P. C. Hammerstad with offer of \$10.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells was requested to inquire as to values in that area to see if the offer is in line with value of the parcel.

W. F. Niedernhofer offers \$50.00 annual rental for five-year camp-site lease on Long Arsenicker Key, said parcel being 200 feet by 200 feet, lying immediately west and adjacent to Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the request be granted and lease authorized for a period of five years.

Ernest A. Davis makes application for renewal of his Lease No. 702, covering a parcel in the vicinity of Card Sound, Monroe County, expiration date of said lease being April 25, 1960. Mr. Davis offers the same rental—\$100.00 annually—for said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year extension of Lease No. 702 from its expiration date, at the same annual rental.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees November 9, 1954, on application from Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Control and Conservation Authority for loan of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00); that upon examination of Chapter 29222, Special Acts of 1953, it was found that Section 19 of said Act provides that the Authority is authorized to borrow not in excess of \$35,000.00 in any one year and that said amount must be repaid during that period; that it has been suggested that a legislative act be passed to take care of the situation.

Attorney General Ervin stated that his office has gone into the question of legality of the loan and has discovered that there is a limitation in the Act as to the amount that may be borrowed; that as explained by Mr. Elliot it is suggested that the matter be presented to the 1955 Legislature for procuring legislative authority for borrowing the required amount.

Mr. Elliot also called attention to the time element involved. It will be necessary for the Authority to advertise the Bill as it will be presented as a Special Act.

Governor Collins asked if it would be proper to pass the bill as a Special Act, as it involves expenditure of public funds by a state agency.

Attorney General Ervin stated that the act creating the Oklawaha Authority and describing its powers was passed as a Special Act which gives the authority power to enter into agreements or contracts with the Federal Government and the state or any agencies or either, as well as counties and municipalities.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 593 listing thirteen regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land; thirteen (13) quitclaim deeds for releasing state road rights of way reserved in original deeds and Dade County Deed No. 4362-EDDJ-Suppl-Corrective in favor of Arthur C. Cohen and wife, for correcting error in description.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 593 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding to items listed on said report.

On December 14, 1954, on application from Sun Oil Company, the Trustees ordered advertised for competitive sealed bids an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the reserved interest in the following parcels of land in Bay County, Florida:

- 100 acres in Section 34, Township 1 North, Range 12 West;
- 10 acres in Section 35, Township 1 North, Range 12 West;
- 120 acres in Section 1, Township 1 South, Range 12 West;
- 120 acres in Section 2, Township 1 South, Range 12 West;
- A total of 350 surface acres or 262½ mineral acres.

The lease was advertised in the Panama City Herald and in the Tallahassee Democrat on December 17, 24, 31, 1954, January 7 and 14, 1955, with bids to be received on this date.

Bids were called for and the only offer received was \$656.25 from Sun Oil Company for lease under the usual terms and conditions, which amount represents rental for one year at the rate of \$1.00 per acre per annum plus the bonus offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid from Sun Oil Company, the lease to require royalty payments of not less than one-eighth in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing five per cent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years and shall be for a primary term of ten years.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Liberty, Marion and Okaloosa Counties the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the State to the lands covered thereby.

Mr. Bernie Papy requested that the Trustees put up for sale some of the Murphy Act land heretofore withdrawn from sale, and have it sold in Tallahassee as the board will get better prices, and the county needs to have the land back on the tax rolls.

Mr. Elliot stated that his office has been working on tax title on Murphy Act land in Monroe County, but in most cases it will take considerable time and the office has not had time to complete the investigations. (No action taken.)

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 1, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
 C. M. Gay, Comptroller
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated January 18, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished to each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$700.00 an acre from John T Pickett, on behalf of James H. Wilson and Mabel P. Wilson, his wife, for purchase of 0.176 of an acre of lake bottom land adjacent to the northeasterly one-half of Lot 12-B of the Supplemental plat to the S/D of Section 13, Township 42 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, said parcel being in front of applicant's property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Wilson and authorize conveyance without advertisement.

Floyd L. Spurlock offers \$100.00 for Lot 33 of Peter Raulerson Subdivision, lying and being in Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lot for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00.

Jack J. Holton offers \$250.00 an acre for purchase of approximately 39 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, easterly of the Isle of Palms, Treasure Island, Section 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Applicant states that he has approval of the County Commissioners of Pinellas County and of West Coast Intracoastal Waterway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer submitted.

The following applications were presented for campsite leases on Little Arsenicker Key, Section 24, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County:

Hugh Peters offers \$50.00 annually for five-year lease on a parcel 200 x 200 feet;

Frank W. Walker offers \$50.00 annually for five-year lease on a parcel 200 x 200 feet.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year leases to each of the above applicants at the annual rental of \$50.00 covering the parcels requested.

Bessemer Properties, Inc., holders of Grazing Lease No. 302, makes application for one-year extension of said lease which expires February 27, 1955. The lease covers land on Lake Jackson in Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Leon County, with annual rental of \$150.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of one year on Lease No. 302 under the same terms and conditions.

No action was taken on offer of \$250.00 from Richard H. Hunt for fee simple title or ten-year lease on a small mud flat comprising one acre, more or less, located near the east end of Angelfish Creek in Government Lot 8, Section 5, Township 59 South, Range 41 East, Monroe County, said area now being under lease to John Clower.

D. W. Watson, Jr. offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of the North 150 feet and the North 92.5 feet of the South 527 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, comprising 5 acres, more or less, in Monroe County.

Mr. Wells reported that he has an appraisal of \$100.00 an acre on this parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$300.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that he has received appraisals on the following parcels of land which were advertised for sale January 11, 1955, and final action postponed pending receipt of appraisals:

SARASOTA COUNTY—Offer of \$200 an acre from Edward H. Jones for 3.76 acres in one parcel and 2.87 acres in the other in Sections 1 and 2, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, adjacent to upland property of applicant. Appraised value is \$180.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers of \$200.00 an acre and confirm sale of the Sarasota County land in favor of Mr. Jones.

Mr. Wells presented four (4) applications for purchase of land, advertised to be sold on January 11th, 1955. He explained that these parcels had been sold some time ago and deeds and contracts

issued, but there was some question as to whether notice of sale should have been published in a newspaper published at the county seat, the advertisements having appeared in a Daytona Beach paper. The notices have now been advertised in the DeLand Sun News and confirmation of the sales is recommended:

VOLUSIA COLUNTY:

1. John E. Chisholm—0.58 of an acre in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East;
2. Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of Eva P. Rowley—4.45 acres in Section 3, Township 16 South, Range 33 East;
3. Anderson Bouchelle—54 acres in unsurveyed portion of Section 6, Township 17 South, Range 34 East;
4. Anderson Bouchelle, on behalf of I. Walter Hawkins, 7.36 acres in unsurveyed part of Township 16 South, Range 33 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of Volusia County land in favor of the four applicants.

Mr. Wells presented appraisal of \$150.00 an acre for submerged land in Monroe County applied for by W. A. Parrish, on behalf of J. S. Y. Ivins and wife, with offer of \$200.00 an acre. The land was advertised for sale on January 25, 1955, and action postponed for appraisal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Ivins and wife at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells presented appraisals on three parcels of Monroe County land which were advertised for sale to be held January 25, 1955, subject to competitive bidding. The following bids were received and action postponed until appraisals could be made:

Parcel No. 1—Joe Sirugo—\$700.00 an acre for a mangrove flat in Section 13, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, 2.0 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 2—Anderson C. Bouchelle—\$610.00 an acre for a mangrove flat in Section 13, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, containing 10.0 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 3—Joe Sirugo—\$600.00 for a group of three small keys known as Little Sandy Keys in Section 23, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, containing a total of 0.9 of an acre, more or less.

Appraisals received are on the basis of \$150.00 an acre for Parcel No. 1, \$200.00 an acre for Parcel No. 2 and \$150.00 an acre for Parcel No. 3, said figures being considerably lower than bids received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids received Janury 25, 1955, from Joe Sirugo, \$700.00 an acre for Parcel No. 1, \$600.00 an acre

for Parcel No. 3, and from Anderson Bouchelle \$610.00 an acre for Parcel No. 2.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees December 14, 1954, approving the views of the Attorney General as set forth in letter dated December 10, 1954. The letter has reference to application of Margaret W. Tye, as guardian, etc., and Raymond E. Ford, for conveyance of sovereignty land on the north side of Fort Pierce Inlet comprising approximately 54.2 acres of land lying westward of partial Sections 25 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, and within the boundaries of said sections extended into the Indian River, St. Lucie County.

In view of the action taken December 14, 1954, Mr. Elliot recommends that since the area in question is within an existing easement grant from the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund to the United States, as a spoil deposit area for Fort Pierce Inlet channel near its opening into the Atlantic Ocean, and there being no other area available for the deposit of material excavated in the maintenance and improvement of the Inlet at that locality, the Trustees decline to convey the land and shallow bottoms within the boundaries of said easement, and that said maintenance spoil area be withdrawn from sale or other disposition.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of the Secretary be approved as the action of the Trustees, and that the land in St. Lucie County within the boundaries of said easement to the United States be withdrawn from sale or other disposition.

Mr. Elliot also recommended as a policy for general application, covering maintenance spoil areas and channel right of way grants to the United States, that such areas be not conveyed by the Trustees into other ownership except as the same may be released by the United States as no longer needed or usable for the purpose for which granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation for general application be approved as the action of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that transfer of the J. B. Whitfield property, across from the Capitol Building, has been completed and the total amount of the purchase price—\$202,000.00—has been paid; that the Whitfield Estate has been requested to assign to the Trustees the insurance on improvements; that rent for January and February on the basis of \$60.00 per month has been paid by Sidney G. Walls who holds a month-to-month lease from the Whitfields on lots east of Rose Printing Company, used as a parking lot. If the Trustees desire to continue the lease, an instrument should be prepared and consideration named, with provision for termination upon notice of thirty days.

Mr. Elliot also advised that Mrs. Margaret Whitfield desires to occupy the dwelling till other place of residence can be found, such occupancy to be not in excess of six months.

Mr. Gay explained that it had been agreed at the time of purchase that Mrs. Whitfield would be allowed to occupy the dwelling a period not in excess of six months; also that it has been discussed that it might be necessary to use the parking area referred to for parking of state employees, especially during the legislative session.

Mr. Elliot called attention to suit in condemnation filed by the State Road Department against the Whitfield property for right of way across the south thirteen (13) feet of Lots 105 to 108 inclusive, and suggested that the Trustees might desire to grant the right of way and thereby allow the State Road Department to withdraw the suit.

It was agreed that no action be taken at this time, and that the subject be discussed with the State Road Department to ascertain what their view would be.

The State Improvement Commission requests that the Trustees consent to conveyance of right of way for use and benefit of the State Road Department across the north thirteen (13) feet of Lot 51 and the north 30 feet of the west 15 feet of Lot 52, Old Plan of the City of Tallahassee, for widening State Road 20.

Without objection the matter was passed over for discussion with the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Attorney General be authorized to accept service in connection with litigation brought by the United States as Plaintiff vs. 1248.43 acres of land in Dade County, and Dade County, Florida, et al.

Mr. Elliot explained that title to the land is not in the Trustees, but certain reservations were retained when conveyance was made out of the State; that agreement was reached in 1954 in the form of a non-use commitment that the Trustees would not make use of such rights so long as the property was used by the Federal Government.

Request was presented from the State Board of Administration that the Trustees authorize warrant for the remaining \$50,000.00 of the \$150,000.00 allocated for Inter-American Center Authority July 20, 1954.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize warrant for \$50,000.00 drawn in favor of the State Board of Administration as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund warrant drawn for \$44.38 in favor of H. L. and H. O. Shaw as reimbursement on account of cancelled campsite Lease No. 503, involving one-half acre of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, Dade County.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees have outstanding commitments to be met within the next few months amounting to \$750,000.00, and he would like to have an opportunity to discuss with the board the Trustees' financial situation.

Mr. Gay suggested that Mr. Elliot be requested to prepare a statement of the Trustees' commitments and the available funds and assets and furnish each member with a copy, the subject to be discussed at a later meeting.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 594 listing two (2) bids for sale of Murphy Act land; also St. Lucie County Quit Claim Deed No. 29 in favor of George Martin Donald and Carle Ann Donald in lieu of original deed issued in 1940 to James A. Nielson who was deceased on date deed was executed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as presented and authorize issuance of deeds.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 8, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated January 25 and February 1, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells announced that the following sales were advertised for consideration on this date:

FLAGLER COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$30.00 an acre from M. G. Rauls, Manager Woodlands Division, St. Regis Paper Company, for purchase of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 11 South, Range 28 East, containing 36.86 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$30.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Bunnell Tribune on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was \$30.00 an acre from St. Regis Paper Company.

Mr. Wells reported that he has an appraisal of \$20.00 an acre on this parcel of land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$30.00 an acre from St. Regis Paper Company for the land described.

CITRUS COUNTY—On December 28, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Mrs. Vada Mildred Yeomans for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in King's Bay in Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, lying westerly of Lot 19 of Jenkins Survey of 1873 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Mill Lot, containing 2 acres more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Inverness Chronicle on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the record of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that objections have been filed to the sale by the Town of Crystal River and by A. W. and Johnny V. Lewis. He recommends that action be passed until a hearing can be had on the objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on the sale until a hearing can be had.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of M. C. Kohn, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 32, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, lying southwesterly of and adjacent to an un-numbered lot in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, containing 24.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on

this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells reported that appraisal had been requested, but not yet received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kohn at the price offered, provided appraisal when received is not in excess of \$100.00 an acre, if in excess that applicant be given opportunity to meet appraised figure.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from C. I. Carey, on behalf of L. I. Vrooman, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay commencing from the northeast corner of Government Lot 2, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 3 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells reported that appraisal has been requested but not yet received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale in favor of Mr. Vrooman, conditioned upon appraised value being less than applicant's offer; if in excess that applicant be given the opportunity to meet the appraised figure.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On December 21, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from George Stoll, on behalf of Bartlett Eldredge and Lorena J. Stoll, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land beginning at the southwest corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, containing 20.12 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells reported that the appraisal received values the land at \$160.00 an acre and offer from applicant is \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants at a price of \$200.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of Clarence D. Bailey, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying east of and adjacent to the South 90.1 feet of the North 1074.7 feet of Government Lot 4 of said Section 22, containing 3.1 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Bailey and confirm sale in his favor at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from Julius F. Stone, Jr., on behalf of Rudolph Bergeson, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Bay of Florida, lying northerly of and adjacent to all of Tract 10 and easterly of five feet of Tract 11 of Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section No. 2, on the Island of Key West, containing 0.52 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells presented an appraisal on this land, of \$1000.00 an acre, which is considerably higher than the offer received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the land be offered to Mr. Bergeson at the appraised value, and if accepted that sale be confirmed.

MONROE COUNTY—On December 21, 1954, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from John A. Gardner for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel in Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, lying east of and adjacent to Lots 2, 3 and 4, Block 1 of Torchwood, containing 1.13 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported an appraisal of \$150.00 an acre on this land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$150.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Gardner.

Mr. Wells presented application from J. H. Hudson, on behalf of Wakulla County Recreation Board, for permit to dredge approximately 16,060 yards of sand and/or earth from the bottom of Dickson Bay in the Town of Panacea, Wakulla County, said material to be used in developing a public beach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Wakulla County Recreation Board and authorize removal of the material needed without cost.

The following applications were presented for purchase of state land:

MANATEE COUNTY—Claude S. Ginn offers \$500.00 an acre for two (2) small islands in Sections 13 and 14, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 2 acres, more or less. Appraisal received values the land at \$225.00 an acre;

BROWARD COUNTY—Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Roy C. Jones, offers \$500.00 for 1.22 acres, more or less, of land in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 49 South, Range 39 East. An appraisal of \$500.00 was submitted for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels of land advertised for competitive bids, based on offers from applicants.

Mr. John F. Burket, Jr., submitted application for two clients to purchase submerged parcels adjoining their upland property in Sarasota County:

George D. Van Aken offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.34 acres, more or less, in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East;

L. Hugh Mainey offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.58 acres in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East.

Mr. Wells reported appraisal of \$175.00 an acre for each of the parcels applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the land be advertised for objections only, as required by law, based on offers submitted.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for conveyance of the North 130 feet of

Tracts 16, 17, and 32, Florida Fruit Land Company's Subdivision of Section 5, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, for right of way purposes in connection with the extension and widening of Snake Creek Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel requested without cost to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees own land in Dade County in the vicinity of Snake Creek Canal where the Flood Control District proposes certain improvement work, and he recommends that the Trustees withdraw from sale all state owned land in Sections 5, 7 and 9, Township 52 South, Range 40 East, comprising approximately 1030 acres, as the land will be much more valuable when the improvements are completed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw from sale, until further notice, the land owned by the state as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the last meeting he stated he would furnish a statement to each member showing the Trustees' financial condition, outstanding commitments and other information as to contributions by the Trustees; that said report will be furnished each member before the next meeting, accompanied by a sketch showing all property purchased for the Capitol Center, the source from which it came, the cost, the year acquired and the fund from which paid; that he is recommending in said report that title to all the property comprising the Capitol Center be placed in the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 595 listing three (3) bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296, and twenty (20) requests for release of state road right of way in original deeds, which releases have been approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 595 and authorize execution of deeds covering the bids and releases.

Two applications were presented for conveyance of Murphy Act lands under provisions of Chapter 28317, Act of 1953:

Citrus County—James Darrell Smith

Land in Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East;
offer of \$350.00;

Walton County—Armstrong Cork Company

18 acres in Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 19 West;
offer of \$90.00.

Governor Collins asked that Mr. Elliot review the two applications and make his recommendations as to whether or not he feels that they constitute hardship cases and come within the purview of the 1953 Act; also that Mr. Elliot review policies regulating Murphy Act sales, especially whether or not some change should be made as to increasing the base bid for lands under the Murphy Act in view of the increase in land values all over the state within the past few years.

Mr. Elliot reported another case under Chapter 28317, in Jefferson County, which has been pending since June 14, 1954. Applicant to purchase at regular sale, Mrs. Grace Winans, made a high bid of \$2990.00 and later requested that she be allowed to purchase the land under the so-called Hardship Act of 1953. Her application was not completed within a reasonable time and on November 9, 1954 she was allowed thirty (30) days within which to comply with the requirements of the law and rules of the Trustees. The case is still pending.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees deposit the \$2990.00 check and consummate sale of June 14, 1954, as he does not feel that this is a hardship case.

Mr. Elliot was requested to notify applicant that it will be necessary for this matter to be disposed of immediately.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
February 22, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated February 8, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Elliot presented resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund withdraw from public sale for a reasonable period of time, not to exceed two years, all submerged lands within the confines of Pinellas County from Honeymoon Island on the north to Mullet Key on the south. Within such period the County Commissioners of Pinellas County will present its over-all plan for a bridge and road project for the county.

In connection with application from Pinellas County, Mr. Elliot presented telegram from Bruce Taylor, Mayor of the Town of Belleair, Florida, stating that the town was preparing a petition to the Trustees requesting dedication of all the submerged lands now under control of the Trustees, located in Clearwater Harbor within the limits of the Town of Belleair for public purposes, and that no action be taken on the county's application concerning submerged land in the Town of Belleair, until the town's petition can be submitted.

Mr. C. Ray Smith, attorney for the Board of County Commissioners, and Mr. C. A. Peterson, Director of Public Works for Pinellas County, were present and discussed their situation with the Trustees. They explained that it was the county's plan, if the engineers reported favorably, to connect the islands by causeways and bridges from Honeymoon Island to Mullet Key with particular interest in the Mullet Key area, as the county owns property at that point; that it will take some time for the engineers to clear right of way problems and until that is completed a definite location cannot be decided; that they feel plans can be determined within six (6) months but are asking for a maximum period of two years in the event condemnation proceedings have to be taken for acquiring part of the right of way.

Attorney General Ervin asked if the county could agree on a program in time to secure legislation at the coming session, to which Mr. Smith replied that legislative action would be the ideal solution but did not think they could get the program organized in time.

Mr. Elliot explained there are pending applications from upland owners which have been accepted subject to processing of such applications, and which are in the nature of firm commitments between the Trustees and applicants, and these should be disposed of. It would be desirable if the county could make selection of certain areas they felt sure would be needed in their program.

Mr. Peterson displayed a coast chart on which were indicated possible routes under consideration and stated that a majority of the bottoms desired could be selected without much delay as the over-all road program has been worked out and is ready to be taken up with the Road Department since some state roads, primary and secondary, and county roads are involved; that the bridge is a separate matter and its location cannot be determined until the engineers have made their report.

Governor Collins suggested that no Pinellas County lands be sold within the next sixty days without express notification in advance to

the County Commissioners, and within that period that the county try to adopt some policy and bring back to the Trustees.

Messrs. Smith and Peterson stated that they would try to have their plan worked out within the time allowed, but believed it would take more time.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees suspend action for sixty (60) days on sales of all land within the area requested by the county, giving the county opportunity to present its long range plan for development; that if any other parties desire to be heard that the Trustees hear them; that this action will not apply to any pending applications in the process of being handled.

Mr. Elliot was requested to check with reference to any outstanding contracts and applications.

Letter was presented from Joel Hurt of Miami Beach, Florida, requesting that the Trustees fix a date for hearing on right of way for proposed causeway from South Miami to Key Largo and suggesting that either March 1, 8 or 29, 1955, be set.

The matter was discussed and the Trustees are of the opinion that a project of this nature should be handled through a public agency; also that the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County are perfecting plans for a similar project and are considering legislation at the coming session for creating an authority to handle the project. It was thought best to postpone any action until after the legislature meets.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that Mr. Hurt be advised that it is the feeling of the Trustees that the matter should be worked out through the Board of County Commissioners, and his request for hearing is postponed for the present.

Mr. Elliot presented form of resolution which the law requires shall be adopted for certifying to the tax assessor of each county within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District a list of lands held by the Trustees in said county.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 25209, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1949, being Section 378.30 Florida Statutes, 1953, the said Trustees hereby certify to the Tax Assessor of each county having land within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District a list of lands held by said Trustees in said county, which lie within said Flood Control District,

for the assessment thereon of said flood control district taxes.

Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, Florida, requests extension of permit from the Trustees for occupying a tract of land with transmission lines, said tract being 1 acre in the Northwest corner of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 4 North, Range 12 West, Washington County, Florida. It was explained that construction of the transmission line has been delayed until such time that development makes it necessary.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that extension of one year be authorized, from February 23, 1955.

Mr. Elliot presented application which was made to him verbally by Mr. R. J. Crampton from the Improvement Fund Board of Crampton Re-Sub of Cortez Addition to Cortez, to acquire the submerged bottoms outward from the upland owned by the company, which are described as follows:

A parcel of submerged land in Section 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, containing 67 acres, more or less.

Mr. Elliot recommended that the parcel be advertised for objections only upon clearance by the engineer's office, securing of an appraisal, furnishing by the applicant of proof of ownership of adjoining upland, and subject to applicant offering not less than the appraised value for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, subject to conditions as outlined by Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Elliot presented a matter arising out of the 1929-30 agreement between the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund and American Cyanamid Company involving an area connected with the easterly shore of Hillsborough Bay in unsurveyed Sections 4, 5 and 6, Township 30 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County.

Mr. Elliot reported that according to the minutes of the Trustees dated May 24, 1929, the Trustees authorized conveyance to American Cyanamid Company of approximately 460 acres of submerged land for a consideration of \$500.00. Conveyance was conditioned upon the filling of a part of the area and the construction of a plant on the filled premises. Only a small portion of the area was filled, and no plant was ever constructed. The agreement was never consummated, no payment having been made and no deed having been issued. Further information is that about 1942 Cyanamid conveyed the property to other parties and through succession of conveyances Mr. Henry S. Toland, as Trustee, has acquired Cyanamid's title, which is defective. Mr. Toland is in the process of selling the property to Tampa Electric Company as a site for its facilities and desires to secure deed from the Trustees as was contemplated by agreement in

1929-30. Also, information was furnished that taxes have been paid over a period of years on the filled area.

Mr. Elliot further stated that in conference with Mr. Toland he suggested that the area was much larger than necessary to meet requirements of an electric power plant and that it be reduced, and that Mr. Toland agreed that whatever reduction he (Mr. Elliot) suggests will be satisfactory and that payment of \$500.00 will be made therefor, which was the original price agreed upon for the 460 acres.

Recommendation is made that a parcel comprising approximately 165 acres, described as follows, be conveyed for a consideration of \$500.00:

Commence at the Northeast corner of Section 4, Township 30 South, Range 19 East;

Thence West on the north boundary of said section a distance of 4950 feet, more or less, to the natural ordinary high water mark of the shore, which said point is the point of beginning;

From said point of beginning continue West along the westward projection of the north boundary of said section a distance of 4,820 feet;

Thence South at right angles to the north boundary of said Section 4, a distance of 1,450 feet to a point on or across the south side of a channel leading southwestwardly to the U. S. Government Ship Channel;

Thence East parallel to the projected north boundary of said Section 4, 5360 feet to the ordinary high water mark on the easterly shore of Hillsborough Bay;

Thence northerly following the natural ordinary high water mark of the shore to the point first above described;

Containing 165 acres, more or less, all lying and being in unsurveyed Sections 4 and 5, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County, Florida.

It was also recommended that the right be given to use, improve and maintain the existing channel leading southwesterly from the premises to be conveyed and connecting with the Government Ship Channel in Hillsborough Bay; also the right to deposit material excavated from said channel on either or both sides thereof upon areas outside of said premises.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to work out with Mr. Toland proposed conveyance on a reduced acreage basis as recommended, consideration to be \$500.00.

Mr. Elliot reported that by Act of Congress approved May 22, 1953 (1st Session 83rd Congress—Chapter 65—H.R. 4198), the boundaries of maritime states were amended to extend not more than three geographical miles into the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and not in excess of three marine leagues into the Gulf of Mexico.

Recommendation is made that the Trustees give consideration to legislation at the coming session of the legislature for amending the State Constitution to include the extended boundaries of Florida and also to amend description of the boundaries of the counties affected.

Attorney General Ervin was requested to prepare the necessary bill for presentation to the Legislature with a view to amending the Constitution to include the extended boundaries as adopted by Congressional Act.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has transmitted to each member copy of report prepared by him with reference to commitments of the Trustees and its financial condition.

The following subjects were presented from the Land Office:

William H. Beardall, on behalf of Frederic A. Perroux and Mary Helen Perroux, his wife, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.146 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway in Block "F" of Nela Isle, Island Section, in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize issuance of deed in favor of applicants at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

The following applications were presented from upland owners for purchase of submerged land adjoining their upland:

1. Monroe County—Abe R. Wolkoff applies for 10 acres of Bay bottom land on Stock Island, Township 67 South, Range 25 East. Applicant offers amount of appraisal, \$250.00 an acre.
2. Monroe County—Julius F. Stone, Jr., on behalf of William and Alice Marie Ebertt, applies for 0.79 of an acre of bay bottom land adjoining upland property in Tracts 11 and 12, Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section 2, Island of Key West, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East. Applicants offer amount of appraisal—\$1000 an acre.
3. Sarasota County—Leo Bauer applies for 0.36 of an acre adjacent to upland property in Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. Applicant has increased his offer from \$100.00 to \$108.00 which is the appraised value of the parcel.
4. Manatee County—Helen Theodore applies to purchase submerged land adjoining her upland in Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 17 East, containing 2 acres, more or less. Applicant offers amount of appraisal which is \$225.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the four parcels advertised for objections only as required by law, based on the offers submitted.

On January 25, 1955, Melvin C. Pierce offered \$650.00 for Lot 7, Section 6, Township 52 South, Range 27 East, containing 41.74 acres in Collier County, and appraisal was requested. Appraisal of \$900.00 has been received on the land, and applicant has agreed to meet the appraised figure.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids starting at \$900.00 for the parcel.

Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Ray Beatty, has applied to purchase 0.13 of an acre of submerged land adjoining his upland property in Lot 27, Block 20, Hillsboro Shores, Section "B", Broward County.

Appraisal secured on the property gives the value of \$10,000.00 an acre, and Mr. O'Connell's client has agreed to offer that price.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only as required by law, based on the offer of \$10,000.00 an acre, sale to be made subject to purchaser granting an easement to the State Road Department for right of way.

Request was presented from the City of New Smyrna Beach for confirmatory deed from the Trustees to a parcel of land 150 feet wide by 600 feet long, being a part of a right of way granted to Volusia County by Trustees Deed No. 17745 dated September 13, 1926. The land covered by said deed is located in Sections 42 and 43, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

It was explained that the county has abandoned the 600 foot parcel and undertook to convey by deed to the city the abandoned part of the right of way, but owing to the restrictive clause in deed from Trustees it will be necessary for the City of New Smyrna Beach to have confirmatory deed from the Trustees covering the parcel applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of confirmatory deed in favor of the City of New Smyrna Beach conveying the parcel attempted to be conveyed by the county to the city.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
H. G. Morton, Ramie Economist	625.00
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00

C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, School Fund..	17,542.49
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, State Board of Conservation.....	5,603.28
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Transfer to State Board Administration, for Inter-American Center Authority	50,000.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	81.15
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County— Recording Fee	1.45
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County— Recording Fee	2.20
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	10.81
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	3.76
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	106.60
E. D. Keefer, Miami, Fla.—Appraisal	525.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service, Sarasota, Fla.....	230.00
C. B. Arbogast, Stuart, Fla.—Appraisal.....	25.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal.....	150.00
Eugene L. Barnes & Son, St. Augustine— Appraisal	25.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami—Appraisal	225.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale—Appraisal.....	75.00
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando—Appraisal	100.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service, Sarasota—Appraisal	35.00
H. L. and H. O. Shaw, Miami, Fla.—Refund.....	44.38
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County— For delinquent taxes, Inland Navigation Dis- trict and Dade Drainage District	195.10
TOTAL	\$79,989.94

(Financial Statements after M. A. subjects)

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 596 listing forty-seven (47) regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land, and Putnam County Deed No. 1369-Cor. to Jeff Emerson, to correct error in description in original deed No. 1369 dated March 5, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 596 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding to items on the report.

Magnolia Petroleum Company makes application to lease for oil, gas and minerals the reserved interest held by the state in the following described land which has been sold into private ownership:

Township 34 South, Range 19 East:
40 acres in Section 35; 40 acres in Section 36;

Township 35 South, Range 19 East:
82 acres in Section 3; 120 acres in Section 15; 40 acres in Section 16;

Township 35 South, Range 20 East:
60 acres in Section 5; 60 acres in Section 8; 40 acres in Section 17;

Containing a total of 482 surface acres or 361.5 mineral acres in Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids as required by law.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Brevard County requests that the Trustees reduce the base bid for advertising 1838 lots in Merritt Manor Subdivision in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 36 East, application having been made for the lots at less than the prevailing price of \$5.00 per lot. Applicant offers \$2000.00 for the lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lots advertised with a base bid of \$9,000.00.

Volusia County offers \$350.00 for conveyance of the following land under Chapter 18296:

All Block 2, Pineview Estates—46 lots;
Lots 25 to 48 inclusive, Block 12, Enterprise Heights 3rd
Division—24 lots
Total of 70 lots.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court advises that the county foreclosed on these lots without making the state party to the suits, and subsequently conveyed all of said lots into private ownership for a total consideration of \$15.00. The county has now discovered that title to the lots is in the state and offers the base bid of \$5.00 per lot for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943 in order that the county may perfect title in its grantees.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Volusia County and authorize conveyance of the lots described under provisions of Chapter 21684.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees November 30, 1954, Mrs. Grace Winans has completed the filing of her application under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, and deposited check in amount of \$37.50 for deed to a lot 100 x 165 feet, being part of Lot 2, Northern Addition to Monticello, in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 2 North, Range 5 East, Jefferson County; that deed will be issued to Mrs. Winans and her

check in amount of \$2990.00, as bid on the land at regular sale, will be returned.

Without objection it was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot reported as follows on two applications for purchase of Murphy Act land under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, action having been postponed from last weeks' meeting for further information:

Citrus County—James Darrell Smith, Applicant, offers \$350.00 for the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 19 South, Range 20 East;

Walton County—Armstrong Cork Company, Applicant, offers \$90.00 for the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$, except 70 yards east and west by 140 yards north and south in the southwest corner of Section 23, Township 1 South, Range 19 West, containing 18 acres.

The requirements of the Act have been complied with and the information requested by the Trustees has been furnished. Mr. Elliot recommends that the applications be approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers from Mr. Smith and Armstrong Cork Company and authorize execution of deeds in favor of said applicants for the respective parcels of land applied for.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Okaloosa and Putnam Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title to the land covered by said certificates vested in the state under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24
Total	\$733.73

Financial Statements for the month of January, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1955	\$252,762.67
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Receipts for the month:

Land Sales	\$69,780.81
Farm Lease	1,815.00
Interest on U. S. Treasury Bonds.....	14,187.50

Reimbursement of Court Cost.....	113.00	
Interest Coupon, Liberty Co. Ctf. of Indebtedness.....	320.00	
Quitclaim Deed	380.00	
Land Lease	160.00	
Farm Lease	60.00	
Mineral Leases	101.00	
Oil & Gas Leases	1,584.98	
Sand & Shell Leases	6,711.19	
Campsite Leases	100.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	326.00	
Timber Leases	423.20	
Grazing Leases	188.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH..	96,250.68	96,250.68
GRAND TOTAL		349,013.35
Less Disbursements for the month.....		185,652.73
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1955.....		163,360.62

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1-7-55	180331	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Trans. to School Fund	\$ 29,056.27
1-10-55	180332	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, Trans. to Board Conservation.....	18,233.77
1-10-55	181645	Al W. Furen	1,436.00
1-12-55	183734	J. F. Cochran, P. M.	15.00
	183735	Southeastern Telephone Co.	75.65
	183736	Key West Citizen	18.40
	183737	DeLand Sun News	19.45
	183738	I. B. M. Corporation	30.00
	183739	Geo. W. Crawford, CCC	4.60
	183740	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.60
	183741	Frank H. Marks, CCC	2.20
	183742	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	37.25
	183743	Capital Office Equipment Co.	6.00
1-13-55	186003	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer.....	62.50
1-14-55	188822	Margaret R. Whitfield	122,637.20
1-21-55	197354	C. M. Gay, State Comptroller	35.80
	197355	Nelson-McVay	50.00
	197356	Eugene L. Barnes & Son.....	25.00
	197357	Albert J. Mills	125.00
	197358	Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.98
	197359	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.80
	197360	W. S. Weaver, CCC	1.85
	197361	D. T. Farabee, CCC	1.25
	197362	DeLand Sun News	101.20
	197363	State Office Supply Co.	26.46
	197364	H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	14.50
1-27-55	203924	Carl G. Harding	400.00
1-31-55	207951	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC	4.60
	207952	George Y. Core, CCC.....	1.70

	207953	H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	81.80
	207954	Haynes E. Williams	3.00
	207955	Hardware Mutual Ins. Co. of Miss.	101.26
	207956	State Office Supply Co.	51.90
	189087	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	189088	A. R. Williams	432.88
	189089	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	189090	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	189091	M. O. Barco	373.95
	189092	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	189093	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	189094	W. Howell	330.95
	189095	C. E. Halley	339.25
	189096	S. Wells	213.75
	189097	C. M. Greene	47.50
	189098	R. N. Landers	26.13
	189099	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	189100	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
	189101	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
	189102	State Retirement	198.34
	189103	Federal Tax	509.80
1-20-55	197365	Geo. F. & M. L. Caratin.....	580.00
	195536	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas., Trans. to G.R. 3%	8,017.02
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
JANUARY, 1955			\$185,652.73

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of January 1, 1955		\$ 250.00
Receipts for the Month:		
Jan. 18	Polk County Commissioners	1,000.00
22	City of Sarasota	250.00
28	Hillsborough County Commissioners	600.00
28	Highlands County	400.00
	Total Receipts for the Month	2,250.00 2,250.00
	Less Disbursements for the Month	0.00
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1955		\$2,500.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Jan. 17, 1955	\$1,519.75
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1-14-55	189934	D. H. Varn	\$ 62.50
1-31-55	185707	E. Hewitt	360.97
	185708	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	185709	Provident Life Insurance Co.	7.75

185710	5% Retirement Fund	21.37
185711	Federal Tax	72.80
TOTAL DUSBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF		
JANUARY, 1955		\$796.23

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
March 1, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated February 22, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$200.00 an acre from Murray C. Goddard for purchase of approximately two (2) acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 29, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Appraisal received on this land is \$350.00 for the parcel. Recommendation is that the land be advertised for objections only on the basis of Mr. Goddard's offer of \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from Mr. Goddard.

Resolution was submitted from the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County requesting that the Trustees give their consent to conveyance by the City of Miami to Dade County of a parcel of submerged land adjacent to the Venetian Causeway, lying and being in Section 31, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, containing 3.85 acres, more or less, in Dade County, Florida. The

resolution stated that the land described is not used or needed by the city for public purposes; that there is a critical traffic condition existing at or near the toll house on Venetian Causeway and this parcel of land is desirable for off-street parking and for future widening the causeway. The county deems it necessary that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund give consent to the conveyance from the city to the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees give consent to the conveyance by the City of Miami to Dade County of the parcel of submerged land described, located on the south side of Venetian Causeway between the westerly shore of Biscayne Bay and Biscayne Island.

Zell H. Altman, city attorney for the City of Lake Worth, Florida, requests that the Trustees release the public purpose clause from Deed No. 20494 issued to the City of Lake Worth in so far as the restrictive use clause affects 13 acres of land lying immediately south of Lake Worth Road and extending the full 1200 feet to the south property line, lying and being in Sections 15, 22, 26 and 27, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. The city desires to build a yacht club and marina facilities on this 13-acre tract and offers the Trustees \$100.00 an acre for release of the public purpose clause.

Mr. Wells explained that the Trustees conveyed the land to the City of Lake Worth limiting its use to public purposes only. The City has been unable to develop the yacht basin and other public facilities and now has opportunity for a large marina to be developed, provided the Trustees will release the public purpose clause, that Senator Russell Morrow indicated by telephone that he has no objections to the plan if that is what the city wants.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the City of Lake Worth, subject, however, to the deed being held for thirty (30) days, during which period the Press will be requested to carry the information that sale will be made to the City of Lake Worth within thirty days, without the public purpose clause, unless substantial protests have been received to the sale, \$100.00 an acre to be paid the Trustees by the city for the property.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to action taken by the Trustees at the meeting February 22, 1955, on the request submitted from Pinellas County that the Trustees withhold from sale for a period not to exceed two years all submerged lands from Honeymoon Island on the north to Mullett Key on the south; that representatives of the County Commissioners have asked if the Trustees would consider requesting that applicants to purchase submerged areas first clear the proposal through the Board of County Commissioners before making application to the Trustees for purchase. The County feels that this method will be beneficial, and will expedite handling of applications by the Trustees if the proposed improvement has already

been reviewed and approved by the county before coming to the Trustees.

The subject was discussed but no action taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees postpone until after the legislature a hearing requested by Mrs. Mildred Yeomans on objections filed to sale of submerged land in Kings Bay, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Land Office be authorized to purchase twelve (12) deed binders from George D. Barnard Company for permanent deed records.

United States Sugar Corporation, holder of Farm Lease No. 804, makes application for a five-year extension of said lease from July 26, 1956, on the same rental basis of \$8.00 an acre. The land involved lies in Sections 19 and 30, Township 42 South, Range 34 East, and contains five (5) acres in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request for extension of Lease No. 804 for a period of five years from its expiration date, July 26, 1956.

J. Hardin Peterson, Jr., on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. George Tsavaris, offers \$100.00 an acre for two parcels of submerged land, one parcel containing 23 acres and the other containing 21 acres, located in the Anclote Anchorage in Sections 19, 30 and 31, Township 26 South, Range 15 East, Pasco County.

Appraisal of \$100.00 an acre has been received and it is recommended that the land be advertised for objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections only based on offer of \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Bernie C. Papy of Key West, Florida, came before the Trustees on behalf of Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, with request that reverter clause contained in deed conveying property to the county be released. The county desires to convey a portion of the land covered by the reverter clause to the Key West Lions Club in lieu of land which has been condemned by the county for school purposes. The county agrees to include in its deed to the Lions Club a clause that if the land is ever used for other than purposes of the Lions Club, title will revert to the Trustees or the county.

Upon discussion of the request, the Trustees indicated that they would favor a property arrangement under which the Lions Club can acquire title to the property in question, limiting its use to club purposes, which would not be contrary to the public purpose clause;

that upon receipt of the necessary information, giving description of the land to be conveyed, the matter will be referred to the Attorney General for taking the necessary steps to accomplish the release.

Mr. Elliot reported that by Deed No. 19971 dated November 19, 1951 the Trustees granted to the City of Tampa a certain area within the breakwater, containing 71 acres known as Peter O. Knight Airport, in Section 36, Township 29 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County. The deed contains three public purpose clauses, "b" of which is as follows:

- (b) That in addition to its use as a sea plane landing the area shall be open to such other public use not inconsistent with its primary purpose as may be permitted by the City of Tampa.

The City of Tampa desires to give Davis Island Yacht Club permission to construct a small building on the breakwater and to erect a dock and wharf to accomodate sailing vessels to be used for education and promotion of sailing among the boys and girls and adult public of the city. The city asks permission of the Trustees to grant the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees give permission for the City of Tampa to grant lease to Davis Island Yacht Club for the purpose described, since its use will be of a public nature, and upon condition that no private enterprise involving consideration will be carried on.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund give notice to Sidney J. Walls that his lease on the parking area south of Rose Printing Company building will be terminated as of March 31, 1955, the space being needed for parking space for state employees. It was so ordered.

Attorney General Ervin called attention to action taken by the Trustees February 22, 1955, on request from Henry S. Toland for deed from the Trustees to approximately 460 acres of submerged land in Hillsborough County involved in a transaction between the Trustees and American Cyanamid Company in May 1929. Mr. Toland is requesting that the Trustees convey 275 acres, rather than the 165 suggested by Mr. Elliot as being sufficient for the needs of the company.

Discussion was had as to whether there was any obligation on the part of the Trustees to make any conveyance under the 1929 action in view of the fact that American Cyanamid Company had never complied with the agreement, no payment ever having been made to the Trustees for the land and the plant required never having been constructed, which was one of the conditions to be met before conveyance was to be made.

It was suggested that there might be a legal question involved and it would be necessary for the Attorney General to look into the matter before any further action could be taken.

Mr. Bernie C. Papy of Key West, Florida, requested consideration of a recent appraisal made by an appraiser from Miami involving approximately two (2) acres of submerged land in Monroe County. He explained that land of the same character has been selling all along on the basis of \$200.00 an acre and the appraisal in this particular instance is \$2500.00 an acre. He feels that this appraisal is out of line and the party making application has stated that he will not pay that price for the land; that if he can buy it at the same price—\$200.00 an acre—he will do so and will go ahead with his building program as an estimated cost of half million dollars.

The Trustees asked Mr. Papy if he knew of any circumstances in connection with the land that caused the appraiser to value this particular land higher than other areas in that locality, to which Mr. Papy replied that he did not.

The situation was summed up by the Trustees substantially as follows: That the Trustees have been receiving criticism all over the state, especially from the lower East Coast, for selling land in front of upland property at low prices; that the Trustees adopted the policy of having appraisals made of such lands before advertising the land for sale, and they do not feel justified at this time in rescinding such policy; that it may be necessary in some cases to re-examine the appraisal to determine if the value placed on the land is too high; that it might be advisable to have Mr. Wells and Mr. Elliot to review the case and see if there are any facts and conditions that would justify the Trustees in adjusting the appraised value of the particular parcel of land. The Trustees definitely expressed the view that they are not willing at this time to abandon the policy of having appraisals made of state land; that it is the responsibility of this board in disposing of state lands to receive a fair value when sold in order to protect the interest of the state.

Without objection it was agreed that the subject to referred to Mr. Wells and Mr. Elliot for the purpose of determining whether or not there is sufficient reason to have the appraiser review his findings, and if it is deemed wise under the circumstances that another appraisal be made.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Request was submitted from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County that the Trustees refund to Katherine B. Adams the sum of \$5.00 representing payment for a small tract of land conveyed by Deed No. 5070 dated December 9, 1953. Records disclose that the land has been owned by the Cedar Grove Baptist Church since 1926 and was erroneously certified to the state under the Murphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund warrant for \$5.00 issued to Mrs. Adams, upon quitclaim deed being issued by Mrs. Adams to the Cedar Grove Baptist Church conveying the property described in Deed No. 5070.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Citrus, Franklin, Marion, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Taylor and Washington Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 8, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, office of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture.

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

MANATEE COUNTY—On January 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of John M. Ferguson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 3.91 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on February 6, 13, 20, 27, and March 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out with the announcement that appraisal has been received placing a value of \$90.00 an acre on the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre and confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Ferguson.

Ignatius Lester, on behalf of J. L. Lester, Jr., and Clem C. Price, makes application to purchase two (2) parcels of submerged land,

one containing 0.68 of an acre, more or less, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 27 of the Monroe Investment Company's Diagram of Tract 20, and 2.42 acres, more or less, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Blocks 25 and 26, all of Ashby Street and the southeasterly half of Thompson Street of Monroe Investment Company's Diagram of Tract 20. Both parcels lie adjacent to upland property of applicants on the Island of Key West.

An appraisal of \$350.00 an acre has been received and applicants offer the appraised value for the parcels.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale, subject to objections only, based on the appraised value.

Mr. Gale K. Greene, on behalf of Kiekhaefer Corporation, makes application to purchase 6 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay and Blind Pass in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, lying adjacent to and around the extreme southerly end of Siesta Key, Sarasota County. Applicant is the adjacent upland owner.

The property has been appraised at \$2,250.00 for the parcel and Mr. Greene offers the appraised price for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the land advertised for objections only, based on offer of \$2,250.00 for the parcel.

George Hruby and Hughes H. Ridenour make application for a lease to explore for buried treasure in the submerged waters of Monroe, Collier, Lee and Charlotte Counties and offer \$100.00 annually for the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize treasure lease in favor of Messrs. Hruby and Ridenour on a year to year basis with annual rental of \$100.00.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Mr. William B. Watson, Jr., on behalf of clients L. Cecil Gracy, Maurine Gracy Graham and Gladys Gracy Harn, heirs of Luther C. Gracy, requesting that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed to the following described land:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 7 South, Range 17 East, lying and being in Alachua and Columbia Counties, containing 240 acres, more or less.

Mr. Elliot explained that from the information available it appears that in 1845 the U. S. Commissioner of Lands made available for sale certain lands, among which were those described, and the records show that the State Treasurer was directed to sell the lands and apply the proceeds to Tallahassee seat of government; that there is no record to show that the lands were sold and the State Treasurer's office, according to Mr. Frank Miller, advises that there is no

evidence that sale was made; however, Alachua County records make reference to it and there is record of a photostat from the U. S. Commissioner of Lands making the land available and a statement in said records that the land had been disposed of; that the land has been privately occupied for 85 years. In a recent sale in connection with right of way for a state road some doubt has arisen as to origin of title. There is evidence that the applicants, heirs of Luther C. Gracy, have paid taxes on this property for fifty years and since no one except the state could make any claim they are asking for a quitclaim deed for a consideration of \$1.00 per acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request and authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of applicants at the price offered.

Mr. Elliot reported that it will be necessary for the Trustees to dispose of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) of bonds in order to meet commitments made for purchase of Rose Printing Company property, all necessary papers having been prepared and ready for completion of the transaction. The instrument granting permission for Rose Printing Company to occupy the building for a period not in excess of eighteen (18) months is also ready for execution.

Mr. Elliot suggested that possibly the Comptroller could invest some funds in the bonds to be disposed of rather than sell them on the open market.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to dispose of \$100,000.00 of bonds held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; also that Mr. Elliot take up with Mr. Gay the matter of completing transfer of Rose Printing Company property, Mr. Gay being Chairman of the Committee handling the transaction.

Attorney General Ervin reported that pursuant to action taken by the Trustees December 21, 1954, the necessary papers have been examined and approved for carrying out the agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the City of Pahokee for loan of \$200,000.00 to be used for constructing a breakwater in Lake Okeechobee. Provision is made in the agreement for repayment of the loan out of the cigarette tax and also from revenue to be received from dock facilities, payments to be made at the rate of \$10,000.00 annually over a period of twenty (20) years. Mr. Ervin stated that he desires to notify the City of Pahokee that the agreement is in order for their execution.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the agreement as presented by the Attorney General be approved.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 597 listing twenty-two (22) regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, forty

(40) quitclaim deeds releasing right of way for state roads, approved by the State Road Department, and Polk County Deed No. 1131-Duplicate to S. C. Miles, approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 597 and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 15, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated March 8, 1955, with information that a copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Governor Collins presented a letter dated February 25, 1955 from the Department of the Interior, Conrad L. Wirth, Director of National Park Service, calling attention to agreements entered into between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the National Park Service in connection with Everglades National Park. Mr. Wirth requests that in accordance with said agreements all lands, submerged lands and waters held by the Trustees within the area covered by Order No. 2750, issued by the Secretary of the Interior on March 12, 1954, be conveyed to the United States under authority of Section 253.62, 264.09 and 264.75, Florida Statutes, 1949, for Everglades National Park. The National Park Service also requested that the Trustees convey to the United States those lands, totaling approximately 33,000 acres, which were conveyed by two deeds dated December 12, 1951 and March 21, 1952, by the Collier Cor-

poration; that while a portion of the Collier lands lies outside of the park boundaries fixed by Act of May 30, 1934, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept said lands—those within the park boundaries to become a part of the Park and those outside to be administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service until such time as park boundaries can be extended northwestwardly by Federal legislation.

Governor Collins suggested that the Trustees invite Mr. Wirth, Director of National Park Service, and Florida's Senators and Representatives in Congress to come to Tallahassee for discussion of the matter.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that it might be well to delay the hearing until during the legislature in order that a committee from that body could be present and discuss the subject with a view to determining whether or not legislation may be needed.

Mr. Wells stated that there was strong opposition from South Florida to any expansion of the park boundaries, especially from Dade and Monroe Counties, the feeling being that the park was sufficiently large without taking in any more land.

With reference to the Collier lands, Mr. Elliot explained that the Collier interests had conveyed to the Trustees, by two deeds, certain lands in Collier County, part of which was outside the park boundaries. The condition under which the Colliers requested the Trustees to convey the lands to the United States was that such conveyance be made if and when the Congress passed an enabling act expanding the boundaries of Everglades National Park to include, among others, the Collier lands. The enabling act was not passed by Congress. After the executive order by the Secretary of the Interior in March 1954, expanding the boundaries, the Trustees directed that the deed containing lands within the boundaries be returned to the Collier interests with request that description be furnished of lands within the expanded area, deed from the Colliers to be made either to the Trustees or direct to the United States. The Trustees have not been advised of the wishes of the Colliers in the matter. Mr. Elliot suggested that all the Collier lands be returned to the Collier interest for whatever disposition they desire to make of them, or that the Colliers authorize the Trustees to convey without reference to action by Congress.

Mr. Elliot also stated that at the hearing in March last year statements were made to the effect that the Trustees had entered into firm commitments for conveying lands when the park was expanded, but the Trustees have made no firm commitments on that score; that the condition on which the Trustees would make conveyance was a confirming Act of Congress, which never took place.

Governor Collins stated that the immediate problem is that the park people have asked the Trustees to take certain action and that is to have a conference and discuss the situation. Senator Holland called, and he feels that the matter is of such great concern that the state should make some decision at an early date.

Reference was made to an act of the legislature passed as a local bill in 1953, affecting Everglades National Park, and it was the consensus of opinion that laws affecting state lands should be handled by general acts.

Attorney General Ervin expressed the view that with the legislature so close, and with the controversy that exists in South Florida over the subject, it would be better to wait until the legislature meets and not make any decision until a committee from the legislature can be present; that if the Trustees go forward with hearing it might involve appropriation of a large amount of money.

Mr. Elliot advised that the Trustees have a small amount of land which will be involved in the expanded area, but the amount of money that will be required to acquire privately owned lands will run into a tremendous figure; landowners in that area have expressed the view that those lands cannot be bought for less than \$25.00 to \$50.00 an acre.

Treasurer Larson suggested that the Trustees go ahead with the conference as soon as it can be arranged, at the convenience of Mr. Wirth, and Senator Holland be invited; that he does not think the Trustees should delay the conference until the legislature meets as it might be necessary to have additional legislation enacted and that will take time.

At the suggestion of Governor Collins, it was agreed to set March 29, 2:30 P. M., as a tentative date for the meeting, with an invitation to go to Mr. Wirth, Senator Holland, President of the Florida Senate, Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and other interested parties.

It was suggested that Mr. Elliot prepare some facts for study by the members. Mr. Elliot stated that prior to the hearing last year he prepared a complete report on the subject and that each member had a copy furnished him.

It was explained that at the meeting last year, most of the criticism was that a northwestern corridor into the park had not been provided, but the Trustees had stated at that time that they would be willing to give lands for the entrance on the northwestern side of the park.

Question was asked whether or not any of the ten thousand islands would be taken in. Mr. Elliot stated that a large part was included in the expanded area.

Mr. Elliot reported that the U. S. Department of the Interior is desirous of having surveys made of certain lands in Dade County within the Everglades National Park boundaries and has asked him to prepare instructions for such survey; that originally he prepared the instructions for survey of the unsurveyed lands in the park as to location of exterior lines only. The United States made the survey and together with the engineer of the Trustees a map of the exterior boundaries and township exteriors was prepared. The survey did not subdivide into the sections.

The Director of the National Park Service would prefer that the survey not be done by the United States because of litigation and has asked that Mr. Elliot be allowed to undertake the work, and if arrangements can be made by which the Trustees will pay the costs, the United States will make reimbursement for such costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to do the survey work as requested by the United States on the basis outlined, the Trustees to be reimbursed for all costs of the survey.

Mr. Wells presented application from Central Title and Trust Company, on behalf of F. Monroe Alleman, Inc., for purchase of 0.37 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway in Government Lot 3, Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, Orange County, Florida. Recommended price for the land is \$300.00 an acre, to be sold without advertisement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale of the lake bottom land in favor of F. Monroe Alleman, Inc., at the price of \$300.00 an acre, without advertising.

Coral Grove, Inc., makes application to purchase two parcels of submerged land, one tract containing 7.18 acres and the other tract 7.2 acres, in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Applicant is adjacent upland owner.

Mr. Wells reported that he has received an appraisal of \$1,250.00 for each parcel, or a total of \$2,500.00, and applicant has offered the appraised price.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer of \$2,500.00 for the parcels.

F. A. Edwards, holder of Sand Lease No. 887, makes request for two-year extension on said lease from March 11, 1955, under the same terms and conditions. The lease covers that portion of the Manatee River lying between Fort Hamer and Erie in Manatee County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year extension of Lease No. 887 under the same terms and conditions as applicable in the original lease.

Mr. Wells reported that several months ago W. R. Thompson applied to purchase submerged land in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, adjacent to his upland property. Included in the request was a submerged area covering what is now an open channel and objections were filed to the sale which was scheduled to be held December 28, 1954. It is recommended that the sale be approved on the basis of \$200.00 an acre, limiting the

area to the western boundary of the channel, which will satisfy the objectors to sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel advertised on application of Mr. Thompson, conditioned that the area be limited to the western boundary of the channel as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Senator W. R. Neblett of Key West, Florida, on behalf of D. K. O'Mahony, makes application to purchase 119.66 acres of marsh land in Fractional Section 23, Township 45 South, Range 24 East, Lee County, for which he offers \$5.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reports he has received an appraisal of \$7.50 an acre and recommends that the land be withdrawn from sale as it would cut off from the water occupants of adjacent lands.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer of Mr. O'Mahony and withdraw the land from sale.

Hillsborough County Port Authority, by its attorney Norman S. Brown, requests assurance from the Trustees that they will grant right of way and maintenance spoil areas in Tampa Bay in connection with improvement of the Government Ship Channel, widening of which is contemplated to a bottom width of four hundred (400) feet and deepening to a controlling depth of thirty-four (34) feet.

Mr. Elliot recommends that when formal application is made and description of the areas desired for right of way and maintenance spoil areas have been furnished, the Trustees grant such areas as examination discloses will be required for the purposes of the improvement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the board.

Expense account was presented from Harley G. Morton, Fiber Technologist, in amount of \$131.56 covering the period from January 25 through January 31, 1955.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to pay the expense account as there is no legal authority to pay expenses covering a period prior to employment, which was February 1, 1955.

Mr. Elliot reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees March 8, 1955, United States Treasury 2½% Bond No. 450092-B dated November 15, 1945, due March 15, 1970—optional March 15, 1965, par value of \$100,000.00, has been purchased from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund by the Comptroller by investment of State Officers and Employees Retirement funds at a price of 97.8.

Without objection the action was approved.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 598 listing 24 regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids reported and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The Board of Public Instruction of Volusia County makes application for issuance of quitclaim deed to approximately one acre of land in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 17 South, Range 30 East, Volusia County. Information was furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court that the School Board has owned this land since 1926, and now has an opportunity to dispose of the property to advantage, since the parcel is not needed for school purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed to the Volusia County Board of Public Instruction, without cost, for conveying the parcel applied for.

Anderson & Rush, attorneys representing Wellborn C. Phillips, requests that the Trustees release the oil and mineral rights reserved in Seminole County Deed No. 1221 conveying land in Loch Arbor, Phillips Section, in Section 4, Township 20 South, Range 30 East. It was explained that a part of the land conveyed by said deed comprises small portions of lots on which it would be impracticable to construct any building, which is required by law where the land is located outside of a municipality.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the rule be waived in this case as to construction of a building on certain of these fractional lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees waive the rule requiring construction on certain lots or portions of lots, the deed of release to describe the lots on which the building requirement will be waived, and also describe the lots on which building will be required, payment to be at the regular rate, a total of \$51.00.

Application was presented from the Ancient City Baptist Church for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953, of Lot 2 in Block 3, Augustine Heights Subdivision, St. Johns County, for which the Church offers \$5.00. It was explained that applicant is former owner of the property and all requirements of the law have been complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 in favor of the Ancient City Baptist Church at the price offered.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Citrus, Marion and Okaloosa Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
March 22, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported the following sales were advertised for consideration on this date:

BROWARD COUNTY—On February 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 from Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Roy C. Jones for purchase of:

That part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 49 South, Range 39 East, lying (a) North of State Levee Borrow Ditch and (b) between two lines west of and parallel to the centerline of the existing State Road No. 25 (U. S. No. 27), said lines being 100 feet and 200 feet respectively from said existing road centerline, containing 1.22 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$500.00 for the parcel and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and reported that after the sale was advertised the County Commissioners of Broward County requested that the land be conveyed to it for park purposes, without cost; that he suggested that the county be present and bid on the land. Mr. Wells also stated that this parcel was held by the State Road Department for right of way purposes but Mr. Jones prevailed

on them to reconvey the strip as it was not needed for right of way. Appraised value on the land is \$500.00.

Several parties were present and stated they desired to bid on the land. It was agreed that the land be bid off and final action postponed until Broward County can be contacted.

Bids were called for resulting in a high bid of \$10,200.00 for the parcel from George Polera. It was ordered that the bid be held pending outcome of request from Broward County.

MONROE COUNTY—On February 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from D. W. Matson, Jr., for purchase of the North 150 feet and the North 92.5 feet of the South 527 feet of Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, on Key Largo. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to competitive bidding, starting with the offer of \$300.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Appraisal received on this land is \$300.00 an acre.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells announced that there were two separate parcels, each comprising $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres, and bids would be received on each parcel separately. Mr. Wells stated he has received a bid of \$403.00 an acre from Joseph Kelleher, and bidding will start at that figure. A high bid of \$1000.00 an acre was made by Henry Perry for the North 150 feet, and a high bid of \$700.00 an acre was made by Mr. Perry for the North 92.5 feet of the South 527 feet.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid for each parcel—\$1000.00 and \$700.00 per acre for the respective parcels—and confirm sale in favor of Henry Perry.

GULF COUNTY—On January 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from P. C. Hammersted for purchase of Lot 9, Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, containing 31.4 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting bid of \$10.00 an acre and notice of the sale was published in "The Breeze," Wewahitchka, Florida, on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and announced that he has received a bid of \$12.00 an acre from William H. Stimpson of Mobile, Alabama, at which figure bidding will start.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$13.10 an acre being made by W. C. Roche.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept bid of \$13.10 an acre from Mr. Roche and confirm sale in his favor.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On February 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Jack J. Holton for purchase of two parcels of land designated as Tract "A," containing 0.64 of an acre, more or less, and Tract "C" containing 38.28 acres, more or less, all lying and being in Section 23, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land, which was applied for by the adjoining upland owner, and stated no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$250.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Holton.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On February 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of D. Van Aken, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, lying in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 2.34 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that appraisal received values the land at \$175.00 an acre.

No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$200.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Aken.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On February 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of L. Hugh Mainey, adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, located in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.59 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on February 18, 25, March 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be made on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land with information that appraisal on the land is \$175.00 an acre. No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$200.00 an acre, and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Mainey.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

Julius F. Stone, Jr., on behalf of Charles F. Frye, offers \$1000.00 an acre for 0.55 of an acre, more or less, of submerged land in Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section No. 2, City of Key West, Monroe County, Township 67 South, Range 25 East. Appraisal on Hilton Haven Subdivision is \$1000.00 an acre;

Robert J. Crampton offers \$100.00 an acre for submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 67 acres in Manatee County. Appraisal on this parcel is \$40.00 an acre;

Ben Shepard, City Attorney of Miami Beach, Florida, offers \$1000.00 an acre, on behalf of the city, for purchase of a strip of submerged land approximately 1200 feet long and varying in width from 71 to 80 feet, containing approximately 2.04 acres in Section 23, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the three parcels of submerged land applied for, lying in Monroe, Manatee and Dade Counties, based on the offers made for the land.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Monroe County, makes application for a strip of land 100 feet in width running through Lots 9 and 10, Section 20, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County, the land to be for construction of a road. Mr. Wells recommended that the request be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorized easement deed in favor of Monroe County for the parcel of land desired, conveyance to be for public road purposes.

Mrs. Pearl Pearce Stevens, holder of Grazing Lease No. 404-B, makes application for five-year extension on said lease from January 26, 1956, under the same terms and conditions. Land in Glades County.

Mr. Wells recommends extension with increase in rental payment to \$1.00 per acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of the lease as requested, with increase in rental to \$1.00 per acre annually.

Daniels Towing and Drydock, Inc., holder of Sand Lease No. 640, makes application for three-year extension on said lease from April 25, 1955, under same terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the requested extension be authorized under the same terms and conditions as in the original lease 640 in Dade County.

Humble Oil and Refining Company makes application to lease for oil, gas and minerals two parcels of state owned land within the following designated area:

Land in a portion of the Chattahoochee River lying west of the thread of said river in Jackson County, extending from the southeast corner of fractional Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 7 West, northerly to the southeast corner of fractional Township 6 North, Range 7 West, containing approximately 310 acres; also

That portion of the Chattahoochee River lying West of the thread of said river in Jackson County, extending from the southeast corner of fractional Township 6 North, Range 7 West, northerly to the state line between Florida and Alabama, containing approximately 290 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for competitive sealed bids under the usual conditions.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from State Representative W. C. Herrell requesting postponement of the hearing on Everglades National Park until the legislature has had opportunity to study the subject.

Mr. Elliot was requested to advise Mr. Herrell that a hearing in reference to Everglades National Park is being arranged tentatively for March 29, and any interested party may be present.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that the papers in connection with purchase of Rose Properties, Inc., have all been approved by the Attorney General's office and are ready for execution.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
H. G. Morton, Ramie Economist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66

W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	200.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County, Inland Navigation Dist. and Dade Drng. Dist. Taxes	57.65
U. S. Geological Survey—Water investigation work	1,331.02
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Prin. State School Fund	29,654.72
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	4,378.67
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach, Fla. Appraisal of land	79.20
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg—Appraisal	1,049.50
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	96.10
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	1.20
Knight Brothers Paper Co., Tallahassee	43.70
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	89.50
Marchant Calculators, Inc., Oakland, Cal.	36.00
Eugene L. Barnes & Sons, St. Augustine— Appraisal	75.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale—Appraisal	115.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach—Appraisal	350.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	60.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach— Appraisal	54.69
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee .....	.75
Ruth Knight, c/o Senator Holland, Washington	25.00
H. G. Morton, c/o Everglades Experiment Sta. Expenses as Ramie Economist	210.18
F. C. Elliot—Travel expenses	25.67
A. R. Williams—Travel expenses	41.77
John D. Moriarty—Expenses	127.12
TOTAL	\$42,911.16

Financial Statements for the month of February as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1955	\$163,360.62
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales — Gross	99,495.33
Less Returned Check 176.78	
Land Sales — Net	99,318.55
Quitclaim Deeds	220.00
Refund of Taxes	294.25

Rental for Parking Lot	60.00	
Certified Copy Trustees I. I. Minutes	2.00	
Right of Way Lease	28.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	8,962.57	
Mineral Leases	326.00	
Campsite Leases	150.00	
Grazing Leases	273.00	
Miscellaneous Lease	275.00	
Timber Leases	191.07	
Oil Leases	27,304.85	
Total Receipts for the Month	137,405.29	137,405.29
GRAND TOTAL		300,765.91
Less Disbursements for the Month		93,414.94
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1955		\$207,350.97

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2-2-55	210621	H. L. and H. O. Shaw	\$ 44.38
2-3-55	211852	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to U.S.G.S. Account	13,425.00
	211853	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Board Administration	
		for Inter-American Center Auth.	50,000.00
2-10-55	220855	Southeastern Telephone Co.	81.15
	220856	Earl R. Adams, CCC	1.45
	220857	Frank H. Marks, CCC	2.20
	220858	E. D. Keefer	525.00
	220859	Sarasota Appraisal Service	230.00
	220860	C. B. Arbogast	25.00
	220861	Harry M. McWhorter	150.00
2-15-55	225138	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State School Fund	17,542.49
	225139	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Board Conservation	5,603.28
2-23-55	235229	Western Union Telegraph Co.	10.81
	235230	Shell Oil Company	3.76
	235231	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	106.60
	235232	Eugene L. Barnes & Son	25.00
	235233	E. D. Keefer	225.00
	235234	Carl G. Harding	75.00
	235235	George F. Brass	100.00
	235236	Sarasota Appraisal Service	35.00
2-28-55	220211	R. C. Elliot	713.75
	220212	H. G. Morton	492.15
	220213	A. R. Williams	432.88
	220214	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	220215	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	220216	M. O. Barco	373.95
	220217	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	220218	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	220219	W. Howell	330.95
	220220	C. E. Halley	339.25

220221	S. Wells	213.75
220222	C. M. Greene	47.50
220223	R. N. Landers	26.13
220224	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
220225	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
220226	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
220227	State Retirement Fund	229.59
220228	Federal Tax	611.40
239209	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	195.10

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, 1955 \$93,414.94

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of February 1, 1955..... \$ 2,500.00

Receipts for the Month:

February 11, 1955—

Marion County Commissioners\$ 375.00

February 24, 1955—

Lake County Commissioners 750.00

February 24, 1955—

Board of Oklawaha Basin Recreation &
Water Conservation & Control Author-
ity in Lake County 50.00

February 7, 1955—

Trustees I. I. Fund, Ch. 610..... 13,425.00

Total Receipts for the Month 14,600.00 14,600.00

Grand Total 17,100.00

Disbursements for the Month:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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2-8-55	217023	Treasurer of the United States of America	\$ 3,352.00
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BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 1955.....\$ 13,748.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

February 1, 1955\$2,663.20

February 15, 1955 3,368.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH..... \$6,031.45

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
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2-28-55	213682	E. Hewitt	\$360.97
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	213683	M. C. Pichard	270.84
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	213684	Provident Life Insurance Co.....	7.75
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	213685	State Retirement Fund	21.37
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	213686	Federal Tax	72.80
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
FEBRUARY, 1955 \$733.73

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 599 listing 95 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as submitted and authorize issuance of deed corresponding to said bids.

The State Road Department requests right of way across Murphy Act land in Calhoun County desired in connection with State Road S-274—Section 4750.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department as follows:

R/W through that part of 1 acre square in NW corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 11 West;

Also, Begin on North line of said SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ at a point 140 yards West of NE corner and run South 210 yards, West 140 yards, North 210 yards, East 140 yards to P.O.B., lying within 50 feet of the center line of State Road S-274—Section 4750.

Application was presented from Beatrice Morris, Lena Harris, Dorothy Coleman and Clara Estella Coleman, heirs of Ben Coleman, deceased, for deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, conveying East 96 feet of Lots 18 and 19, East Greeleyville. Applicants offer \$85.00 for the parcel, in Duval County.

Mr. Elliot stated that the application comes within the purview of Chapter 28317; that applicants have complied with the law and requirements of the Trustees and it is in order for deed to issue.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 in favor of heirs of Ben Coleman, Sr., upon payment of \$85.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua County, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 29, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated March 1 and 15, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

W. P. Pardue makes application for the purchase of 0.15 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Lot 34, Block "C" Nela Isle, Island Section, located in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Mr. Wells recommended conveyance on the basis of \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for by Mr. Pardue upon payment at the rate of \$300.00 an acre; sale to be made without advertisement.

The following applications were submitted by adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged land:

1. Offer of \$3,050.00 from O. Morton Weston, Jr., on behalf of George W. Clay, Jr., Herbert T. Greenwood, Edward H. Winterbottom and Gustov A. Olofsson, for purchase of 4 small parcels of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, Broward County. Offer is equal to appraised value on the land.
2. Offer of \$50.00 from W. W. Whitten for a small parcel of submerged land lying adjacent to his upland property in Bayou Chico, Pettersen Addition, Escambia County. Mr. Wells recommends a price of \$100.00 for the parcel.
3. Phillips Petroleum Company makes counter proposal to pay \$7,200.00 for purchase of submerged land adjacent to Government Lot 4, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, on which the Trustees have an appraisal of \$10,400.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorized advertised for objections only the land applied for in items 1 and 2, based on the prices offered and recommended; that as to parcel 3, the Trustees pass this application for further consideration.

Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of Joseph Hurt, applied for five-year lease to dredge dead oyster shell in Roberts Bay (also known as Venice Bay), in Sarasota County, for which he offers ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all shell removed.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease as applied for by Mr. Hurt, subject to approval of said lease by the Conservation Department.

The Trustees passed for further consideration request from J. U. Gillespie that his original offer of \$100.00 be accepted for two small parcels of land in Indian River North in Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. The parcels were advertised for sale January 25, 1955, with appraisal of \$500.00 for one parcel and \$600.00 for the other.

Commonwealth Oil Company makes application for seven-eighths oil, gas and mineral lease on all minerals owned and/or reserved by the State of Florida on Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, in Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 33 East, and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 33 East, all in Okeechobee County. Applicant offers \$1.00 per acre initial consideration or bonus, and delay rental of \$1.00 per acre annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids and under requirements of the law.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration proposed agreement between the City of Pahokee and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in connection with loan of \$200,000.00 from the Trustees to the city. Opinion was presented from Ralph O. Johnson, attorney of Pahokee, Florida, approving of the legality of the loan to be made by the Trustees to the city; also the Attorney General stated that he is of the opinion that the City of Pahokee has the legal authority to repay the loan from the cigarette tax and from dock fees, and that his office has approved the form of agreement.

Mr. Elliot reported that if the entire amount of \$200,000.00 is made available immediately it will be necessary for the Trustees to dispose of bonds of the Fund; that he recommends payments be made to the City of Pahokee as and when estimates of the contractors are presented for payment, and he feels sure the Trustees can handle amounts in that manner and not reduce the bond investments. Mr. Elliot also recommends that the Trustees retain bonds and other securities in an amount not less than three million dollars (\$3,000,-

000.00) and keep that amount in reserve for periods when land sales will not be as active as they are now.

Governor Collins inquired as to the proposed loan, and it was explained that the improvement for which the loan is being made has close connection with state lands and Lake Okeechobee; that the breakwater and basin will not only benefit the City of Pahokee but will serve the entire lake region and be of value as a navigation project.

The Trustees favored the suggestions of Mr. Elliot, whereupon motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Gay and adopted, that the payment of \$200,000.00 to the City of Pahokee be not made in a lump sum but that Mr. Elliot supervise the payment at such time as actually required upon contractor's estimates and that such estimates be approved by Mr. Elliot as the Trustees' agent.

Mr. Gay and Mr. Larson suggested that Mr. Elliot set up a plan for handling the account and that he pass on all requests for payments from the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that in conference with Fred W. Ball, Executive Secretary, and Joe K. Merrin, Engineer, for West Coast Inland Navigation District, they had considered things needed to be done in connection with intracoastal waters.

Mr. Elliot stated that it will be helpful to the Trustees and to the district if the Trustees can participate in certain work affecting the state lands and land heretofore sold by them. The Trustees have sold submerged bottoms in that area since 1924. There are some 200 deeds out and many of them do not have sufficient description from which they can be located on the ground; and until identification can be made there will be interference with improvement of the intracoastal waterway. Surveys will have to be made in some cases and the District engineers are equipped to do the work. The Trustees are not. It was suggested that the Trustees contribute to the extent of \$1500.00 for participating in this work, which will eventually cover an area from the Caloosahatchee River to the north end of Pinellas County.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees make this contribution as it will save them money and be of great assistance to the state in handling land matters in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved and that the Trustees authorize contribution of \$1500.00 for assisting in the work as outlined.

Mr. Lamar Johnson of West Palm Beach applies for permit granting exploratory rights in approximately two townships of land in South Florida, the permit to carry option to lease, based on satisfactory rental and royalty payments, to follow exploratory period. The application is to explore for heavy minerals.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Mr. Johnson for

exploring an area in the middle part of the state; permit to carry option to lease upon agreement as to rental and royalty payments.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a matter which the Florida Engineering Society has taken up with him, in reference to topographic mapping in Florida on a cooperative basis with the United States Geological Survey, and the desirability of the Trustees contributing on a proportionate basis to the cost of such surveys to be made by the U. S. Geological Survey. There has been very little accomplished in Florida along this line and it is suggested that a legislative Act will be needed for the state to participate. It is also suggested that the State Road Department, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, drainage and reclamation districts and private persons participate in the cost of a complete topographic mapping program for Florida. The proposed bill has been mentioned to the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to prepare a bill for introduction in the Legislature.

Mr. Elliot reported a situation existing in connection with an easement from the Trustees to the State Road Department executed September 18, 1941, and a corrective easement issued April 17, 1947, covering the same road right of way—State Road 183, now No. 767. The easement called for 150 feet both sides of the existing centerline on Pine Island fill, Lee County. In 1949 the Trustees issued approximately fifty (50) deeds to private individuals conveying all except a strip 66 feet wide of the land covered by easement to the Road Department.

To remove cloud upon title of private owners it is recommended that the Trustees request the State Road Department to quitclaim to said Trustees all that part of the easement lying between a line 33 feet and 150 feet on each side of the center line across the Pine Island Fill.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved, subject to working out with the Road Department the needs for right of way in connection with State Road No. 767.

Action was deferred on request from Barron Collier, that the Trustees convey to the National Park Service the lands in Collier County conveyed to the Trustees by Collier interests to be eventually included within Everglades National Park, pending outcome of a hearing scheduled for April 2, 1955, on the subject of expanding boundaries of Everglades National Park.

Letter from Coastal Petroleum Company dated February 24, 1955, was presented to the Trustees, the body of which is as follows:

“By Resolution passed October 12, 1954, the Trustees officially acknowledged Coastal Petroleum Company’s full

compliance with the drilling requirements of State Drilling Lease No. 224-A as Modified, State Drilling Lease No. 224-B as Modified and State Drilling Lease No. 248 as Modified, for the five-year terms of each of said leases ending respectively on December 27, 1954, March 27, 1956 and December 19, 1954. By the same Resolution, the Trustees recognized that Coastal Petroleum Company had earned a surplus footage credit in the amount of 15,998 feet, and declared said surplus footage credit to be available for allocation to future drilling obligations under State drilling leases held by Coastal Petroleum Company in such manner as the Trustees and Coastal Petroleum Company should subsequently agree upon.

"Since the adoption of the foregoing Resolution, the following footage has been drilled on State drilling lease property of Coastal Petroleum Company:

1. Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340 Well No. 2; located 1980 feet south and 1958 feet East of the NW corner of Sec. 19, T. 54 S., R. 36 E., Dade County; spudded 8-16-54, completed as dry hole 10-19-54; depth 11,597 feet.
2. Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340, Well No. 3; located 1542 feet South and 452 feet East of NW corner of Sec. 19, T. 54 S., R. 36 E., Dade County; spudded, 11-26-54; completed as a dry hole, 1-22-55; depth 11,625 feet.

"The Company hereby requests that the Trustees credit the foregoing footage drilled in the said Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340, Wells No. 2 and 3, to the surplus footage credit of 15,998 feet as provided in the aforementioned Resolution of October 12, 1954; the same to be held available for allocation to future drilling obligations under State drilling leases held by Coastal Petroleum Company in such manner as the Trustees and Coastal Petroleum may subsequently agree upon."

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Coastal Petroleum Company and allow credit for footage drilled as outlined in above letter to be available for allocation to future drilling obligations under leases held by Coastal Petroleum Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Comptroller be requested to issue warrant in amount of \$254,600.00 as payment due Rose Properties, Inc., on property purchased by the Trustees from said company.

Mr. John C. Gramling, attorney of Miami, Florida, requests that the Trustees adopt a resolution urging the Florida delegation in Congress to sponsor legislation with a view toward quieting title in the state to numerous small islands and keys in Dade and Monroe Counties.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has discussed this subject with the Attorney General and he is in favor of the proposal.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he is preparing a resolution on the subject to be submitted to the Trustees for adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the suggestion for securing title to these areas and that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for preparing a suitable resolution for carrying out the wishes of the Trustees.

Governor Collins reported that Colonel A. G. Matthews called at his office with Colonel H. W. Schull, Jr., District Engineer from Jacksonville, Florida, and discussed a condition with reference to the lock and dam on Oklawaha River at Moss Bluff in Marion County, Florida. Information furnished is that these works were constructed by the United States for commercial traffic but over the years traffic has diminished until the waterway is used for pleasure boats and there is very little benefit to navigation; that the Government does not feel justified in continuing its operations and proposes to discontinue maintenance of the locks and dam.

Upon discussion of the subject, it was the view of the Trustees that maintenance and operation of the lock and dam should be continued by the Federal Government, especially as it is anticipated that there will be an increase in water bourne traffic and other uses of the waterway if maintained like it was intended. It was also brought out that the plans of the Oklawaha Basin Recreation, Water Conservation and Control Authority will bring increased activity on the Oklawaha River. It was suggested that Congress be requested to step-up interest in this project with the idea of improvement to navigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to prepare a letter to be sent to each member of Congress from Florida asking that request be made to the Congress for continuance of maintenance and operation of the lock and dam in the Oklawaha River at Moss Bluff.

Mr. Elliot presented a suggested bill relating to right to apply for tax deed based on certain tax sale certificates acquired by private persons under the Murphy Act prior to administration of said Act by the Trustees. The bill was submitted to the Bill Drafting Division of the Attorney General's Office and approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the matter be left to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot for preparation.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 600 listing 85 bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and Broward County Deed No. 1794-Cor.

to Ellen J. Howard for correction of error in original deed to same grantee dated August 4, 1944.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 600 as presented and authorized execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Volusia County Special Case was presented requesting that the Trustees authorize reduction in base bid for advertising 66 subdivision lots in Farnton Subdivision, the size of said lots being 25 by 100, and 50 by 150 feet. The lots comprise approximately 140 acres, and on the basis of \$5.00 per lot (regular base bid) the acreage rate will be \$18.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline to reduce the base bid and stand by the regular base bid of \$5.00 per lot.

The State Road Department requests right of way through the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 14 West, Bay County, for use in connection with State Road S-22, Section 4651-151.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the parcel of Bay County land as described.

The State Road Department makes application for right of way in connection with State Road S-415 north of Ormond described as the West 100 feet of Cemetery Lot and South 200 feet of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of East 200 feet of Cemetery Lot, all in Washington Park Subdivision of Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, lying within 50 feet each side of the centerline of State Road No. S-415, in Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of the State Road Department conditioned that a recital be included in the deed placing obligation and responsibility upon the State Road Department to ascertain that there is no grave within the area to be occupied by the road right of way.

Request was presented from Levy County Clerk of the Circuit Court that the Trustees authorize advertisement of 78 lots in Lindsay Lake Subdivision of Section 17, Township 12 South, Range 17 East, with base bid of \$1.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline request from Levy County and authorize advertisement of the lots with base bid of \$5.00 per lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted that the Trustees disclaim interest in Hernando County

certificate covering land certified to the state under the Murphy Act, the Attorney General having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 2, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Senate Conference Room at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, as member
of the Board of Education
Ray E. Green, Representing Comptroller C. M. Gay

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Governor Collins stated that the meeting was called to discuss request from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for conveyance of certain state owned land, and other lands deeded to the Trustees by the Collier interests for conveyance by the Trustees to the United States for inclusion in the park; that representatives from the National Park Service are present and, upon invitation from the Trustees, interested parties from areas adjoining the park are also present to express their views either for or against conveyance of additional lands for the park.

The Governor introduced Mr. Clarence Davis, Under Secretary of the Interior and Mr. Thomas J. Allen, Assistant Director of National Park Service, and United States Senator Spessard Holland, and also recognized members of the Legislature who were present.

Mr. Davis stated that he only wanted to convey the best wishes of the Secretary of the Interior to the Governor and his Cabinet and to the State of Florida; that Mr. Allen is prepared to discuss the subject and present the views of the National Park Service; that the Secretary sent him down to conclude any negotiations that might be worked out to the satisfaction of the State of Florida and the United States.

Mr. Allen gave some of the history of Everglades National Park, as follows:

Everglades National Park was authorized by Congress, with consent of the State of Florida, in 1929 and 1930. Outside boundaries of the park were pointed out on a map; also state lands conveyed by Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and other lands acquired by the United States with money donated by the State of Florida; lands held by the Trustees which were donated by the Collier interests for transfer to the park when authorized, a part of said lands being outside of the boundaries.

Mr. Allen pointed out on the map the expanded boundaries of the park as fixed by executive order of the Secretary of the Interior this year. He stated that the Federal Government does not intend to complete the park within the total limits as authorized by Congress; that it has no intention of taking in land on the southeast corner including Key Largo and other keys; that the Government is not asking at this time for any land north of Tamiami Trail but is asking for a small strip which extends north and south to connect with Tamiami Trail. They are asking that the state and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund agree to include this strip in order to include within the park a part of the Ten Thousand Islands area which is very necessary to plans for the complete park. He further stated that it was the purpose of the Federal Government to advise that it has no further intention to proceed with any extensions of the area authorized except the northwest corridor; that the Government will turn back approximately 560,000 acres which was originally authorized for park purposes.

Extensive dredging has been done for enlarging the canal connecting Florida Bay with Coot Bay, through Whitewater Bay and north to the Everglades, which will make it possible for private boats to get back into the park or out into the Gulf of Mexico; and arrangements have already been made with Florida business men to erect coffee and souvenir shops, also stations where exhibits will be displayed; guides and lecture tours will be arranged and boats will be available for trips into the park. Bids have been received and contract will be let during the next week at a figure of \$760,000.00 for beginning the first unit of the highway between Homestead and Cape Sable, starting at Cape Sable. It is contemplated that the concessions, boating services and other accommodations will, when completed, run into five or six million dollars.

Mr. Allen stated that he would be glad to answer any questions on the subject.

Governor Collins explained that his understanding was that an Act of Congress fixed the maximum boundaries of the park; that the area shown in green on the map was first established by the Secretary of the Interior as the park boundaries; in 1954 the gray tract was included and the immediate problem centers around said tract; that the Federal Government wants a deed from the Trustees to all state owned lands in the gray tract and those shown in green; also deed to the lands in purple within the new boundaries which were deeded by the Collier's to the Trustees, and a transfer of the Collier lands, which are outside of the park boundaries, to another Federal Agency

to hold until the boundaries are extended. The Governor stated that he hoped the boundaries of the park could be established once and for all.

Mr. Allen gave figures as to the amount of money which Congress has appropriated for National Parks, approximately what will be allocated for Everglades National Park and what the Park Service has planned for the next two years. He also stated that the park is attracting increasing numbers of visitors and the number for the past season was around 220,000 persons.

Senator Holland reviewed the back history of Everglades National Park and the various agreements between the National Park Service and agencies of the State of Florida. He referred to the contract for the commencement of the highway through the park, the proposed work to be done within the next two years, the appropriation by Congress for National Parks and the assurance by Congress that the funds would be available, the two million dollars that will be available for the two-year period for building the road in Everglades National Park. He expressed the hope that out of this meeting will come a mutual understanding and agreement as to permanent park boundaries. He referred to drawing in of the maximum boundaries to exclude lands north of Tamiami Trail, inclusion of which had been protested by fish and wildlife interests; also exclusion of the keys areas, including Key Largo and numbers of other keys which Monroe County felt were too valuable for development purposes to be taken into the park.

Senator Holland pointed out on the map certain areas the Park Service deemed absolutely necessary to be included within the permanent boundaries, one being the northwestern corridor. The area between Tamiami Trail and Krome Avenue was dropped owing to its high value and its nearness to Miami, but a coastal area of seven or eight miles was requested included in the so-called minimum boundaries.

Senator Holland referred to conferences and agreements during 1944, and questions which had come up with reference to exploration for oil in the park area; also the hold-up on acquisition of the White-water Bay area, about which there was doubt as to where the title lay.

Reference was made to purchase of the Patton tract from a part of the two million dollars provided by the state for purchase of lands from private owners, which purchase was agreed to by the Governor based on a letter from the Attorney General approving the expenditure; also the grant from the Collier interests in the form of deeds to the Trustees to be held for inclusion in the park at a later date. Another transaction discussed was a lease to the Rutherford Company for taking mangrove trees from a large area within the maximum park boundaries.

Senator Holland recommended that agreement be reached at this time setting forth what will be the permanent boundaries for Everglades National Park so that Congressional action may be taken to fix the boundaries. He pointed out on the map certain areas which

the Federal Government definitely feels should be included and those areas that might be eliminated.

It was suggested that possible Congressional action could be had, based on an agreement between the state and the Federal Government as to permanent boundaries for the park as outlined on the map, including the northwestern entrance but with the statement in the law that the Chevelier tract lying north and east would automatically be excluded from further inclusion in the park unless acquired by a certain fixed date—a ten year period suggested.

Attorney General Ervin explained the position taken by the Trustees in January 1954 with reference to a resolution adopted in June 1951. Mr. Daniel Beard, for the National Park Service, sent the Trustees a map requesting the Trustees' approval of maximum boundaries, the approval to be contingent upon an enabling act being passed by Congress. The Trustees adopted the resolution as requested, contingent upon action of Congress. About that time there was a great deal of activity in oil exploration and protests were made to the Trustees against any further conveyances to the United States for Everglades National Park. A local law was passed by the 1953 Legislature prohibiting the Trustees from making further conveyances for the park, but the bill was vetoed. No Congressional action was taken, and in view of protests and changed conditions the Trustees in January 1954 rescinded the resolution passed in June 1951, on the basis that Congress had taken no action to include the Collier lands and also Tract No. 1. The Trustees were criticized by the Federal Government for breaking pending agreements and in effect forestalling a northwestern entrance into the park. There was never any intention on the part of the Trustees to eliminate the western entrance nor have they ever failed to try to arrive at some amicable settlement of differences that have arisen. Mr. Ervin feels the matter of Tract 1 should be left open unless some arrangement along the line suggested by the Governor could be worked out; also the attitude of the Legislature of Florida should be considered as there might be the question of an appropriation involved if the state committed itself to approving inclusion of Tract 1; he thinks everyone is in favor of granting the northwestern entrance, but as to other areas, some decision should be worked out now if possible. As to purchase of the Patton tract, he felt that if the Federal Government wanted to purchase it, there is no legal reason why the purchase should not be made with a part of the two million dollars donated by the state.

Senator Holland remarked that in the event the United States ever produced oil from formerly state-owned lands within the park area, the state would come in for its share of royalty, and he felt that the state would be within its rights to provide for protection for oil on lands presently under consideration on the same basis as privately owned lands.

State Treasurer Larson explained that he has been in favor of the park through all the proceedings as the records show, that he still is and is in favor of having a western entrance, the most logical

area being through the Collier lands, that he did not know the Federal Government intended asking for reconsideration of Tract No. 4, that his understanding was that it had been eliminated owing to its value from an agricultural standpoint; that sales have been made in that area and it is being developed. He feels the expanded boundary outlined in red on the map is going too far and should be drawn in, and the Trustees have an obligation to protect the interest of the state as there have been increasing protests during the past five years to expansion of the park boundaries.

Governor Collins stated that the issues seemed to be whether or not the Trustees will reconsider action taken last year and proceed with conveyance of state land in Tract No. 1, indicated in green, as requested by the National Park Service as well as the Collier land, and secondly, whether or not the state will proceed with negotiations for securing Congressional action to a permanent settlement of the park boundaries; that there were a number of representatives in the Legislature present, also County Commissioners and other groups, and the Trustees would be glad to hear them.

Representative David C. Jones, Jr., of Collier County, was present and urged that the Trustees provide the necessary area for the western entrance into the park, especially a coastal strip for a water route, as it will mean increase in visitors to that section and will be very popular with the public generally. It was also requested that the question of the park boundaries be permanently settled.

Mr. J. A. Franklin of Fort Myers spoke in favor of an entrance to the park from the western side.

Mayor Roy Smith of Naples urged that the Trustees agree to provide land sufficient for a northwestern entrance. He stated that the park has proved its popularity and with a western entrance will be an outstanding National Park.

Mr. Lorenzo Wilson, representing the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, stated that a number of resolutions have been adopted from his county petitioning the Trustees to convey lands on the northwestern side of the park for an entrance, and that the suggestion of Mr. Larson that the entrance be through the Collier lands would suit them fine.

Mr. Fred Loudermilk, city manager of Naples, stated that he was speaking for the citizens of Naples and the whole west coast of Florida in urging that the Trustees provide a northwestern entrance into the park. He called attention to the decrease in wild life in that section during the past 30 years and the necessity of preserving breeding grounds for wildlife.

Mr. Barron Collier, representing the Collier interest, referred to the conveyance of lands in Collier County for the park, inclusion of which will not cost the state or the Federal Government anything. Their purpose in donating the land was to forward the rapid development of the park by making possible a western entrance; and should a western entrance not be provided the park would mean only a

spot on the land to most visitors. He urged that the western entrance be provided.

Mr. Hugh Wilson, representing a group of approximately 20 citizens from the Miami area and Monroe County who are among those most vitally affected, introduced Senator William R. Neblett from the 24th District which includes a portion of the west coast area—Collier, Lee and Monroe Counties.

Senator Neblett stated that he has been getting the background of the Everglades National Park for a long time and he is in favor of a western entrance but does not feel that the state should provide 271,000 acres for that purpose. He favors a road rather than a waterway for the western area; a commitment of 20,000 acres for a road from the keys area to the west coast with a terminus at Everglades City would be desirable and would mean a loop road for west coast citizens and should increase the value of the park. He stated that he did not feel it was necessary to condemn state or private lands as there is already a sufficient area in the park, and additional breeding areas for wildlife are not needed as Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District has 962,000 acres of flood areas that can be used by the birds.

Senator Neblett also called attention to the loss the School Fund will sustain if additional state lands are given to the park. He feels that the west coast entrance will increase value of property along that coast and he is for it, but cannot approve of the state donating all the land requested by the Federal Government.

Representative W. C. Herrell of Dade County stated that he could see the need for a west coast entrance, but feels that if the Federal Government will develop the area they already have there will be no need to expand the boundaries. He strongly urges that no lands within the tracts indicated on the map as 2, 3 and 4 be taken into the park as they are good agricultural lands and are needed for that purpose. He hopes some plan can be worked out in the near future to permanently establish the boundaries of the park.

Mrs. Ivar Axelson, representing her husband and her father, Judge McDougald, protests any further lands being taken into the park. She suggests that the boundaries as indicated in 1949 give ample territory for all the park needs, and the people of the state and private citizens owning lands adjoining the park should be protected from having their lands taken away for far less than they are worth. She protests any more state land being granted to the park, or the taking in of any private property, and called attention to statement made in 1949 by Mr. Donald Leigh, attorney for the National Park Service, that the Park Service had no authority to purchase a single acre of land outside of the boundary as fixed in 1944; that they do not believe they had authority to purchase the Patton tract and since the Federal Government now owns 60 per cent of the coast line in that section, they do not need any additional areas.

Mr. Ben Shiver, past State Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, stated that Monroe, Dade and Broward Counties have pro-

tested any more land being taken into the park. He feels that some land should be made available for veterans to purchase, and also called attention to the growing industry of frog hunting which has gone beyond the million dollar mark annually and those people will be deprived of a livelihood. He feels a solution can be reached which can give the west coast an entrance into the park and leave out most of Tract 1.

Mr. Edward Hawkins of Miami, representing Everglades Conservation and Sportsmen Club as well as hunters in that area, stated that the park was of no benefit to the people in that section as they are not allowed to go in except at certain places and have to get permission to do that; that the lands they are asking for are good agricultural lands as has been proven, good for hunting and fishing and much good timber land will be taken away from the people. He is agreeable to a strip being given to the park if they will contract to build a road out of Everglades on down to the Cape to tie in with Flamingo but protests the state conveying any more areas than that.

Mr. J. A. Franklin stated that he is representing the citizens of Fort Myers and Lee County as the Senator and Representative from his county could not be here today. They have expressed themselves as being 100 percent in accord with the views of the people in asking that a northwestern entrance be provided into the park. He does not feel that a road within the park down the coast will be feasible, but the waterway would be the practicable entrance—preferably from Everglades City and on south as indicated by Mr. Allen. The land marked in green owned by the state will be necessary if the western entrance is to be provided, and the people in Lee County hope that the Trustees will make that land available to the Park Service so that the western part of the state can benefit from development similar to that on the East Coast.

Mr. Walker, representing Everglades Conservation and Sportsmen Club, stated that his club protests expansion of the park as it will take in their club house and other facilities, that if the western gateway is to be provided it is requested that they stay off the mainland, that there will not be much objection to the islands if the hunting rights on the islands will be preserved for the public, that it has been stated that the game has all gone from that area which is not true.

Mr. Ira C. Haycock, representing a large number of land owners of land in Tract 1, stated that when the boundaries of the park were fixed in 1934, the country was in a depression and there was not much value to land. Since that time values have increased, the state has grown, and soon there will be no place for Dade County to expand if all this land is taken into the park. He feels the decision on this subject should be dependent upon compromise that can be worked out, and he does not see how the Federal Government can hope to acquire all the land within the expanded lines when land is presently selling for \$40 to \$50 an acre on the eastern side and around \$15 an acre on the western side. He thinks the boundary lines should be pulled in and not expanded.

Mr. B. M. Boyd, Dade County, protests conveying any land in Tract No. 1, but does not object to waterway along the western side of the park.

Mr. Webb, representing 250 land owners whose lands will be included in the area taken in by March 12th Order—Tract No. 1—protests these lands being taken in. His group plans a yacht basin and ship canal which would allow an entrance into Houston Bay and other bays where there is good fishing and hunting. People come to Florida for recreation and if these areas are taken into the park there will be no place to offer hunting and fishing recreation, and they protest any further extension to the park. There would be no objections to the western corridor being provided, but they do object to the state land being given away, as it should be sold so that the people of the state will receive some benefit from it. He feels that the Patton Tract should not have been bought with state money.

Mr. John D. Pennekamp stated that this whole matter can be worked out satisfactorily to all concerned.

A Dade County citizen representing several large land owners, among them being Melrose Properties, E. D. Collins, Dade Rock Company, and others, protest any expansion of the park, stating that the counties of that area and the state are trying to find new revenue and it cannot be done if the land is all taken off the tax rolls and put into the park.

Raymond Burr, representing Rutherford Lumber Company, protests any more land being taken into the park. His client has a lease from the state with yearly rental of \$8,600.00 which provides for taking mangrove from a large area from which to produce fertilizer and cattle feed. The company has spent approximately \$150,000.00 in experiments and is about ready to start commercial production that will mean a new industry for the state, but if all this land is taken into the park it will kill a new industry for Florida. He stated that the talk about an entrance on the west side is a figment of the imagination as Mr. Wirth stated when he was before the Trustees last year that the Department did not intend to build a road as the cost would be prohibitive.

C. D. Hite, interested in approximately 3000 acres of land north of 40-Mile Bend, opposes any extension of the park outside of the green lines indicated on the map. He is agreeable for the West Coast to have a western entrance but nothing more.

A citizen of South Florida urged that the Trustees consider the people of South Florida in deciding on this matter. He suggests the possibility of having a holding agency to handle these lands to protect the interests of both the park and citizens of the state.

Mr. Wilson called attention to the land about the trail and the need for canals to drain the land before it will be ready for cultivation, and the attitude of the Park Service that it will not consider any proposal for cutting canals across these lands as it would be inconsistent with the purposes of the park, but without these canals the people above the park will be completely trapped.

Governor Collins thanked the representatives of the National Park Service, Senator Holland and the delegation of citizens from the park area for coming up for the hearing today and stated that the Trustees hoped to resolve the matter in the interest of the people of Florida and the National Park Service.

The meeting adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 5, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
C. M. Gay, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

The Trustees advertised for sealed competitive bids to be received on this date for oil, gas and mineral lease covering the whole interest of the state in the following designated lands in Okeechobee County:

In Section "A", New Okeechobee Heights, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ — 94 acres
In Section "C", New Okeechobee Heights, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ — 77 acres
Granada Circle New Okeechobee Heights, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ —159 acres
Section 6, Township 36 South, Range 34 East;
Lot 9, North of River—0.02 of an acre
Lot 11—10.36 acres, Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 32 East; Lot 10, Section 26, Township 36 South, Range 33 East; 9.02 acres;

and covering the reserved mineral interest in the following described lands:

Section "A" New Okeechobee Heights, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Lots 33 to 36 inclusive, of Block 5-A, and Lots 13 and 14 of Block 15-B;
Section "C" New Okeechobee Heights; NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Lots 48 to 52, inclusive, Block 35;
In Section 6, Township 36 South, Range 34 East, 1.0 acre.
Totalling 350.41 acres for all tracts.

The only bid received was \$350.40 from the applicant, Commonwealth Oil Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Gay, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bonus bid of Commonwealth Oil Company in amount of \$350.40 plus royalty payments of not less than one-eighth in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount after the first two years, lease to be for a primary term of ten years.

Financial statements for the month of March as as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1955		\$207,350.97
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	\$ 98,339.04	
Land Lease	50.00	
Farm Lease	1,524.60	
Parking Lot Rent for March	60.00	
Quitclaim Deeds	395.00	
Sale of \$100,000 U. S. Bond @ 97.8/32	97,250.00	
4 Interest Coupons from U. S. Bond @ \$1,250 each	5,000.00	
Interest Coupons from F. S. I. C. Lower Tampa Bay Bridge Bonds	1,875.00	
Mineral Leases	126.00	
Campsite Leases	150.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	11,537.36	
Grazing Lease	45.00	
Timber Leases	225.24	
Less Returned Check	176.40	
Timber Leases — Net	48.84	
Miscellaneous Leases	325.00	
Oil Leases	362.67	
Refund of Taxes	9.07	
Exploration for Precious Metals	100.00	
Certified Copy Trustees' Minutes	2.00	
Total Receipts for month of March, 1955.....	217,199.58	217,199.58
Grand Total		424,550.55
Less Disbursements for the month of		
March, 1955		41,580.14
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1955		\$382,970.41

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3-3-55	244535	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	57.65
3-7-55	245887	J. Edwin Larson, Tr. to State School Fd.	29,654.72
3-7-55	245888	J. Edwin Larson Tr. to State Board Conservation.....	4,378.67

3-11-55	255229	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	79.20
	255230	A. D. Fogarty	1,049.50
	255231	Southeastern Tel. Co.	96.10
	255232	Western Union Tel. Co.	1.20
	255233	Knight Bros. Paper Co.	43.70
	255234	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	89.50
	255235	Marchant Calculators	36.00
3-22-55	267622	Eugene L. Barnes & Son	75.00
	267623	Carl G. Harding	115.00
	267624	E. D. Keefer	350.00
	267625	Harry M. McWhorter	60.00
	267626	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	54.69
	267627	Capital Office Equipment Co. ....	.75
	267628	Ruth Knight	25.00
3-23-55	268638	H. G. Morton	210.18
	268639	F. C. Elliot	25.67
	268640	A. R. Williams	41.77
3-24-55	271182	John D. Moriarty	127.12
3-31-55	239338	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	239339	H. G. Morton	492.15
	239340	A. R. Williams	432.88
	239341	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	239342	W. R. Culbreath	190.00
	239343	M. O. Barco	373.95
	239344	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	239345	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	239346	W. Howell	330.95
	239347	C. E. Halley	339.25
	239348	S. Wells	213.75
	239349	C. M. Greene	47.50
	239350	R. N. Landers	26.13
	239351	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	239352	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
	239353	Professional Ins. Co.	5.25
	239354	State Retirement	229.59
	239355	Federal Tax	611.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
MARCH, 1955\$41,580.14

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of March 1, 1955	\$13,748.00
Receipts—March 24, 1955	700.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$14,448.00

Disbursements:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3-7-55	247443	U. S. Geological Survey	1,331.02
BALANCE AS OF MARCH 31, 1955			\$13,116.98

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

Date

March 1, 1955	\$2,270.25
March 16, 1955	2,556.75
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1955	\$4,827.00

Disbursements for the Month:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3-17-55	263186	Katherine B. Adams	\$ 5.00
3-31-55	232886	E. Hewitt	360.97
	232887	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	232888	Provident Life Ins. Co.	7.75
	232889	State Retirement	21.37
	232890	Federal Tax	72.80
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF			
MARCH, 1955			\$738.73

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
April 12, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, office of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edward Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated March 22, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented several sales advertised to be held today as follows:

1. COLLIER COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$900.00 from Melvin G. Pierce for purchase of Lot

7, Section 6, Township 52 South, Range 27 East, containing 41.74 acres. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$900.00 for the parcel, and notice of the sale was published in the Collier County News on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has received a bid of \$1205.00 from Mrs. Paul Morris for the lot.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$1425.00 being made by Al Werner of Miami, Florida.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1425.00 and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Werner for the lot.

2. BROWARD COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1300.00 from Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Ray Beatty, for purchase of 0.13 of an acre of submerged land north of the northeast corner of Lot 27, Block 20, Hillsborough Shores, Section "B," Sections 20 and 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Applicant offered the appraised value for the land.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that the State Road Department has asked that the sale be postponed until right of way requirements can be determined due to relocation of the bridge and bridge tender's house.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and postpone action on the sale of Broward County land.

3. MANATEE COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$225.00 an acre from Helen Theodore for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 17 East, containing 2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on March 11, 18, 21, April 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Applicant offered the appraised value for the land.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells stated that the applicant is the adjoining upland owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Miss Theodore at the price offered—\$225.00 an acre.

4. SARASOTA COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$108.00 from L. W. Bauer for a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay easterly of and adjacent to Government Lot 3, Section 23, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 0.36 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on March 11, 18, 25, April 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Applicant's offer is equal to appraised value on the land.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bauer at the the price offered—\$108.00 for the parcel.

5. MONROE COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Abe R. Wolkoff for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, south of and adjacent to Lots 5 and 6, Block 61 of the Plat of Stock Island, containing 10 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Applicant has offered the appraised value for the land.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Wolkoff at the price offered—\$250.00 an acre.

6. MONROE COUNTY—On February 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1000.00 an acre from Julius F. Stone, Jr., on behalf of William and Marie Ebertt, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in the Bay of Florida, lying northerly of and adjacent to the westerly 55 feet of Tract 11 and all of Tract 12 of Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section No. 2, on the Island of Key West, Florida, containing 0.79 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy

of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Applicant has offered the appraised value for the land.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the parcel described in favor of William and Marie Ebertt at the price offered—\$1000.00 an acre.

Roy Thompson, town manager of Crystal River, reports that an island has been filled in, in the headwaters of Crystal River, mostly with oyster shells, and an unsightly building has been erected thereon. Mr. Thompson makes application to purchase the river bottom from the Trustees so that he can request the squatter to vacate the island. Mr. Wells states that the Trustees have given no authority to the person doing the filling.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Attorney General be requested to remove the squatter from the premises, after which consideration can be given to the sale of the island in Citrus County.

On March 29, 1955, Mr. Wells submitted counter proposal from Phillips Petroleum Company asking that the Trustees accept \$7200.00 for submerged land adjoining its upland on Government Lot 4, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County, on which the Trustees have an appraisal of \$10,400.00. The Trustees declined to accept the counter proposal.

Mr. Dwight L. Rogers, Jr., on behalf of Phillips Petroleum Company, met the appraised price and the land is now being advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm advertisement of the land based on agreement from applicant to pay \$10,400.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Wells submitted two applications for purchase of lake bottom land:

Orange County—Ward E. Price applies to purchase 0.148 of an acre adjacent to Lot 16, Block "D," Lake Conway Park, Section 29, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. A price of \$300.00 an acre is recommended for the parcel.

Palm Beach County—George S. Brockway, on behalf of Orange State Oil Company, applies to purchase 0.132 of an acre in Section 18, Township 42 South, Range 37 East for which he offers \$700.00 an acre, or a minimum of \$100.00 for the parcel. It is recommended that the price offered be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to sell the two parcels applied for at the prices recommended, without advertisement.

Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen, owner of adjoining upland, offered \$100.00 an acre for approximately 150 acres of submerged land lying east of the Cross Bayou Canal in Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells stated that this parcel lies within the area which the Trustees recently agreed to withhold from sale for a period of sixty (60) days, on request from the County Commissioners of Pinellas County; however, that he has a letter from C. A. Peterson, Director of Public Works of the Board of County Commissioners, waiving their objections to this application.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sale subject to objections only; also that an appraisal be secured on the parcel.

Senator E. W. Gautier came before the Trustees on behalf of the City of New Smyrna Beach, requesting release of the "public purpose" clause in Trustees' Deed No. 20618 dated March 17, 1954. It was explained that the city desires to remove a fishing industry from its present location in the center of the town and make available for the said industry a portion of the land conveyed by said deed, being in Volusia County.

Upon discussion it was agreed to take the matter under consideration until the next meeting of the board.

Senator E. W. Gautier, on behalf of Floreco Crab Company, makes application to purchase 2.8 acres of submerged land in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.

Mr. Wells stated that he has received an appraisal on this land of \$300.00 an acre and Senator Gautier's client has agreed to offer that amount.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on the price offered.

J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Leo Bents, et ux, and Lamar Investment Company, makes application to purchase two (2) parcels of submerged land in Indian River North, located in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and in Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. An offer of \$100.00 an acre was made for the land.

Mr. Wells reports that he has an appraisal of \$500.00 and \$600.00 an acre respectively for the two parcels, but Mr. Gillespie is re-

questing reconsideration and acceptance of his offer of \$100.00 an acre.

Discussion was had as to the advisability of having a reliable real estate broker from the local community look at the property and give his views. The opinion was also expressed that without some definite proof that the land was appraised too high, with reasons therefore, the Trustees would not be justified in changing the appraisal; that a similar case affecting Monroe County land had been brought to the attention of the Trustees with request that the appraisal be reduced, and the two might be looked into to ascertain if there are any circumstances that might justify reviewing the appraisals.

Without objection it was agreed to pass this matter for further investigation.

J. M. Couse, on behalf of Glades County, makes application for a strip of lake bottom land, being the North 100 feet of Sections 11 and 12, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, lying east of the state meander and west of the westerly right of way line of the United States Government levee, in Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Glades County of the parcel requested, without advertisement and without cost, deed to contain the public purpose clause.

Mr. Wells presented request from the Town of Manalapan for conveyance of a parcel of submerged land which is included within Perpetual Easement No. 18656-A issued to South Lake Worth Inlet District, in Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, containing 13.77 acres. The parcel desired by the town is described as the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of the above tract, and contains 3.2 acres, more or less, in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey to the Town of Manalapan without cost, for public purposes only, the 3.2 acres of submerged land described, subject to advertisement for objections only.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Isthmian Realty Company, Inc., requests that the Trustees reconsider application to purchase 3.9 acres of bay bottom land in Seaside Park Subdivision, City of Key West. The land was appraised at \$2,500.00, and applicant requests that he be allowed to purchase at the same price for which land has been selling in that area of Monroe County.

Without objection, action on the request was passed for further consideration.

Humble Oil and Refining Company applies for oil lease on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 14 West, Washington County, for which they offer \$1.00 per acre annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lease for sealed competitive bids based on the offer made.

The following applications were presented for extension of leases as follows:

T. M. Creel, holder of Timber Lease No. 756 offers \$40.00 for one year extension on his lease which covers Lot 1, Section 19, Township 5 North, Range 16 West, Holmes County; Lee F. Franklin, holder of General Purpose Lease 522—Extension of five years under the same terms and conditions covering 1.02 acres in Section 22, Township 60 South, Range 39 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of one and five years respectively on the two leases described.

Florida Board of Parks and Historical Memorials requests that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund concur in a proposed exchange of the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of $SE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, lying East and south of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad right of way, being in Township 27 South, Range 20 East, containing 15 acres, more or less, to Warner E. Grable and Dorothy C. Grable, his wife, for the $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $SW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NE\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 27 South, Range 20 East, containing 10 acres, more or less. It was stated that the exchange is being made for the purpose of blocking up park holdings.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees concur in the exchange of Hillsborough County land as requested by the Park Board.

Pursuant to action of the Trustees March 29, 1955, that the Attorney General prepare a proper resolution requesting the Senators and Representatives in Congress from Florida to urge action by Congress for the purpose of quieting title in the State of Florida to small islands and keys in the state, the proposed resolution was submitted from the Attorney General, whereupon motion was made, seconded and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

ADOPTED BY TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON APRIL 12, 1955

WHEREAS, many out-croppings of rocks or small keys, ranging in areas of from less than one-tenth acre to less than six acres among the Florida Keys in Monroe County, Florida, lying between Key Boca Chica, in Township 67 South, Range 26 East, on the west and the east end of Key Largo, in Township 59 South, Range 41 East, on the east, and

being between the upland of the Florida Keys and the channel of the bay or navigable waters opposite said upland, were left unsurveyed in 1873 and 1874, when the official surveys of Florida Keys were made and approved by the Government, and no such out-croppings of rock or small keys are shown or noted on said survey; and

WHEREAS, the said out-cropping of rock or small keys were not shown to be in existence in 1873 and 1874 when said survey was made and approved, or if in existence were only slightly above the surrounding waters and of little value. Said small keys were never surveyed or claimed by the Government as public lands of the United States until some of the small keys had been sold by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund into private ownership. Subsequently some of the keys sold by the Trustees were improved by building up the keys and the submerged bottoms around them by filling the same, all of which gave value to the said keys. Thereafter the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the Interior caused some of the keys so sold by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of Florida, and some which had been improved by private owners, to be surveyed in 1953 and subsequently, as public land of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled in several cases that title to such unsurveyed islands lying between the upland, which has been surveyed, and the channel, passed to the State as part of the submerged land when the State was admitted to the Union of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida claimed title to these small islands and have sold some of the said islands into private ownership for development and improvement, all of which have been placed upon the tax rolls.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The United States Senators and Representatives from the State of Florida be and they are requested to introduce in Congress and urge the adoption of legislation which will quiet the title to said small islands in the State of Florida by declaring that said small islands or keys shall be deemed and considered as having passed to the State of Florida when Florida became a State of the United States in 1845.

2. That the United States District Court of the Southern District of Florida shall have jurisdiction of actions brought by claimants of these islands against the United States to quiet title of said islands in such claimants.

3. That some action be taken by Congress forthwith to stay sales of the said islands by the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, pending this legislation.

4. That the Secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund forthwith transmit copies of this Resolution to each Member of the Florida Congressional Delegation.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that all United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from Florida have advised that they will cooperate toward securing authority of Congress for continued Federal operation and maintenance of Oklawaha River lock and dam at Moss Bluff in Marion County.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Jesse Cohen and Fred Ferrante, of Homestead, Florida, asking that the Trustees do not agree to inclusion in Everglades National Park of the tract referred to as "Tract 4", as the greater part of that land is now under cultivation and plans are being made to farm the entire area.

Informal discussion was had in which it was brought out that there is considerable feeling in Dade and Monroe County against including Tract 4 in the park, and it was suggested that a hearing should be held at Miami giving the citizens in that area an opportunity to present their views; that during a conference in Tallahassee with National Park representatives, it was not certain that the Federal Government would go ahead with the western entrance into the park and construct a road in the direction of Key West; that until the Trustees have this information no action can be taken. The Trustees expressed the view that nothing would be definitely decided until the Senators and Representatives in the Florida Legislature have an opportunity to discuss the project and also that the citizens in the affected areas will be given a chance to present their views.

Representative Bernie C. Papy presented request on behalf of the City of Key West for conveyance by the Trustees of a parcel of submerged land along Roosevelt Boulevard to be used as a public beach. Legislation is now being prepared for handling this project and the city desires to know if the Trustees will convey the land without cost, for public purposes. He stated that the people owning property adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard are all willing for the Trustees to convey the land to the city for that purpose.

The Trustees requested Mr. Papy to have the city submit a plat giving description of the area desired and furnish statement from the adjacent owners that they have no objection to conveyance by the Trustees to the city for a public beach.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 601 listing the following:

27 regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land

Broward County Deed No. 1053-Cor. to W. Marion Walton

Indian River County Deed No. 961-Cor. to J. Douglas Baker and wife

Hillsborough County Deed No. 03-Ch. 21929-Supl.-Cor. to Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County

Flagler County Supplemental Deed No. 123-A to L. E. Wadsworth

42 State Road Department quitclaim deeds releasing all or a part of right of way reserved—all approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 601 and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto.

Manatee County land, advertised to be leased this date for oil, gas and minerals, was presented with bid from Magnolia Petroleum Company. A bid of \$361.50 was submitted for lease covering the reserved interest held by the state in the following lands:

In Township 34 South, Range 19 East—

Section 35—40 acres

Section 36—40 acres

In Township 35 South, Range 19 East—

Section 3—82 acres

Section 15—120 acres

Section 16—40 acres

In Township 35 South, Range 20 East—

Section 5—60 acres

Section 8—60 acres

Section 17—40 acres

Constituting a total of 482 surface acres or 361.5 mineral acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bonus bid submitted by Magnolia Petroleum Company, conditioned that the lease shall require royalty payments of not less than $\frac{1}{8}$ in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years; lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

Request was presented for issuance of refund warrant to Earl D. Farr in amount of \$41.25 representing payment for land conveyed to him by Charlotte County Deed No. 425 dated August 31, 1953. Since issuance of the deed it was discovered that the land has been school property for years and should not have been certified to the state under the Mruphy Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of refund warrant in favor of Mr. Farr for \$41.25, upon execution and delivery of deed from him to the Board of Public Instruction of Charlotte County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates involving land under Chapter 18296 located in Bay, Marion, Nassau, Pasco and Taylor Counties, as approved by the Attorney General's office, no title having vested in the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
April 19, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

The minutes of the Trustees dated March 29, 1955, were presented for approval, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following offers for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land in Orange County:

W. K. Whitfield, Jr., on behalf of Roy E. Hoffman, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.14 of an acre of lake bottom land on Lake Conway, Section 13, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, adjacent to Lots 35 and 36, Waterwitch Club;

J. B. Rogers, Jr., on behalf of Kolar Youngblood Investment Company, Inc., offers \$300.00 an acre for 13.9 acres of lake bottom land on Lake Apopka, adjacent to applicant's up-land property in Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted and authorize issuance of deeds without advertisement of the land.

The following applications were presented from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged land, each applicant having offered not less than the appraised value for the land:

Pinellas County—C. I. Carey offers \$300.00 an acre for 1.57 acres of land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 16 East;

Pinellas County—Jack J. Holton offers \$250.00 an acre for 4½ acres in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 9, Township 31 South, Range 15 East;

Sarasota County—Roy Surles, on behalf of several clients, offers \$125.00 an acre for a total of 16.0 acres in Section 5, 9, 16 and 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East.

Mr. Wells stated that he has letters from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County withdrawing objections to sale of the two parcels in that county.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the land in Pinellas and Sarasota Counties as applied for by adjoining upland owners.

Without objection, action was deferred on request from the City of New Smyrna Beach for release of public purpose clause in Trustees' Deed No. 20618 issued March 17, 1954, to the city.

J. U. Gillespie submitted applications on behalf of Leo Bentz, et ux, and Lamar Investment Company, to purchase two parcels of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, and Section 52, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, for which applicants offered \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that he has an appraisal on this land of \$600.00 an acre for one parcel and \$500.00 an acre for the other, and Mr. Gillespie asks that the Trustees reconsider the case and authorize sale on the basis of the price offered—\$100.00 an acre—as the appraisal is entirely out of line. At the meeting April 12, 1955, the Trustees deferred action pending investigation, which has been made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees reconsider former action and agree to accept \$100.00 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Gillespie, on behalf of clients, which was advertised to be sold January 25, 1955.

Mr. Bernie C. Papy of Key West, Florida, on behalf of Paul E. Sawyer, representing Isthmian Realty Company, Inc., asked that the Trustees reconsider action taken on application to purchase 3.9 acres of bay bottom land in Seaside Park Subdivision, City of Key West, Monroe County. Mr. Papy urged that the Trustees accept the offer from applicant—\$200.00 an acre, as the appraised value of \$2500.00 per acre was entirely out of line.

Mr. Wells reported that this request was considered at the meeting April 12, and action deferred for further investigation, and that such investigation has been made. Mr. Keefer, the appraiser, has advised that the land would be worth the appraised value when filled, but had no value now.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees reconsider former action and agree to sell the parcel on the basis of \$200.00 an acre.

In discussing the subject of appraisals, the Trustees decided that a change might be necessary in the policy affecting sale of submerged lands where a private upland owner was involved; that under present laws sale cannot be made to other than the adjoining upland proprietor.

It was suggested that Attorney General Ervin be asked to prepare a guide or plan for making appraisals, taking into consideration whether or not the applicant is a private upland owner or whether a commercial development is involved; that the Trustees desire appraisals made on a fair valuation basis and not as a filled and improved property.

F. P. Sadowski, Marathon developer, displayed photographs of the Keys area, showing conditions before and after improvements were made. He urged that the Trustees adopt a more liberal policy on fixing land prices for land in that section in order to encourage development and put the land on the tax rolls.

The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County requests that the Trustees continue the "freeze order" on sale of submerged lands in Pinellas County from Honeymoon Island on the north to Mullet Key on the south. The sixty-day stop order on sales in that area will expire April 22, 1955.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees extend the "freeze order" for an additional sixty (60) days from April 22, 1955.

Fisher W. Ange offers \$1.00 an acre per annum rental for a grazing lease on lake bottom land in the S1½ of Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Ange upon payment of \$1.00 an acre per annum rental.

The following applications were presented for extension of grazing leases in Glades County:

Peoples Brothers applies for five-year extension of Grazing Lease No. 405 on the basis of \$1.00 per acre annual rental

on land located in Section 25, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, and in Sections 19, 20, 21 and 22, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, comprising 500 acres, more or less;

The Hat Ranch applies for five-year extension on Grazing Lease No. 712, on the basis of \$1.00 per acre annual rental. The land covered is located in Section 3, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, containing 161 acres, more or less. Present lease expires May 11, 1955.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant five-year extensions of Grazing Leases 405 and 712 as requested by present lease holders, with rental at the rate of \$1.00 per acre per annum.

Attorney General Ervin reported that House Bill No. 96 clarifying authority for Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority to borrow money from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund has been passed by the House and Senate.

Attorney General Ervin reported that he had a telephone call from Mr. Lewis Friend, Mayor of Pahokee, with reference to statement of expense incurred in connection with the breakwater construction in Lake Okeechobee, for which the Trustees have agreed to loan the City of Pahokee \$200,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for working out along the lines of the resolution adopted by the Trustees.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary recommended approval of Report No. 602 listing fifty-five (55) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296; Hillsborough County Deed No. 2943-Duplicate to Louis Mims, as approved by the Attorney General's office; and quitclaim deed Part Dade County No. 4119-EDDJ to Harry N. Whitcup and wife, approved by the State Road Department for release of road right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 602 as presented and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Volusia County requests to be advised if the Trustees will approve advertisement of approximately 850 lots in the Subdivision of Carnell in Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County, with the base bid of \$2.50 per lot for all lots less than fifty (50) feet frontage, and \$5.00 per lot for all lots in excess of fifty (50) feet frontage.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to reduce the base bid and abide by the rule requiring a bid of \$5.00 per lot.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 26, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 5 and 12, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Kenneth W. Kerr and associates, representing the City of Dunedin, Florida, came before the Trustees with request for contingent approval for the city to enter into negotiations for exchange of property conveyed by the Trustees to the city by Deed No. 19077. It was explained that this deed was issued pursuant to legislative act authorizing conveyance of land on Hog Island, or Caladesia Island, in Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, and restriction was placed in the deed that the land could be used for park purposes only. The city desires to negotiate an exchange for a more desirable parcel on the gulf which is more suitable for a bathing beach and park than the land on Hog Island with bay frontage. Mr. Kerr stated that if the exchange is approved, the City of Dunedin will agree that the land be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees indicate that they will approve the exchange of so much of the land conveyed by the Trustees as will be necessary to provide a beach for the City of Dunedin and the public,

it being understood that the parcel received in exchange will carry the reservation included in Deed No. 19077.

Governor Collins asked Mr. Kerr to furnish the Trustees with information as to comparative value of the land on the bay with that on the gulf.

Mr. Wells presented several sales advertised to be considered today as follows:

SARASOTA COUNTY—On March 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1250.00 per parcel from Spencer A. Miller, Jr., on behalf of Coral Cove, Inc., for purchase of two parcels of submerged land, one parcel comprising 7 acres and the other 7.2 acres, in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald March 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections to the sale were filed by Reno De Frances, owner of Willow Oaks Lodge, which adjoins Coral Cove Subdivision. Mr. Frances objects to this sale on the ground that it would destroy the view from his shoreline, injure his business and depreciate the value of his land.

Mr. Wells recommended that the objections be overruled and sale confirmed in favor of the upland owner, but that deed be held for a period of thirty (30) days allowing time for Mr. Frances to take action if he so desired.

Mr. Miller was present and displayed maps showing the location of the land owned by Mr. Frances in relation to the area applied for by him. He stated that he was developing a high class subdivision and did not believe the objections were valid or legal as the improvements he planned would not affect the view of Mr. Frances.

After discussion of the subject, the Trustees agreed to take the objections under consideration and three weeks from this date—May 17, 1955—will hear the objections and make a decision as to the sale of the land applied for by Mr. Miller, who was invited to be present also.

It was suggested that if possible Mr. Miller secure a resolution from the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County and the City of Venice to the effect that there is no objection to the proposed improvement.

Sarasota County—On March 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$2,250.00 from Gale K. Greene, on behalf of Kiekhaefer Corporation, the upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay and Blind Pass in Section 33, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, lying adjacent to and around the southerly end of Siesta Key, containing 6 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law

and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on March 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale; also that applicant has offered an amount equal to the appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm the sale of the 6 acres in favor of Kiekhaefer Corporation at the price offered—\$2,250.00.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$350.00 an acre from Ignatius Lester, on behalf of Clem Price, the upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land on the Island of Key West, Florida, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Blocks 25 and 26, all of Ashby Street and the southeasterly half of Thompson Street of the Monroe Investment Company's Diagram of Tract 20, containing 2.42 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells stated that the bid is equal to the appraised value.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of J. L. Lester at the price offered—\$350.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 8, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$350.00 an acre from Ignatius Lester, on behalf of J. L. Lester, the upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land on the Island of Key West, Florida, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 27, of Monroe Investment Company's Diagram of Tract 20, and also northwesterly of a part of the southeasterly half of Thompson Street of said Diagram, containing 0.68 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells stated that the offer is equal to appraised value of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of J. L. Lester at the price offered—\$350.00 an acre.

James Carr offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of Lot 15, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, Collier County, which adjoins his upland property.

Mr. Wells stated that the records show this lot to be sovereignty land and should be advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, the offer being in excess of the appraised value.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications from adjoining upland owners who have offered to pay the appraised value for the land applied for:

Palm Beach County—Senator R. O. Morrow, on behalf of Maurice B. Frank and Mary F. Erskine, offers \$300.00 an acre for 40.10 acres of submerged land in Section 22, Township 45 South, Range 43 East;

Pinellas County—Adrian S. Bacon, on behalf of Lewis Island Corporation, offers \$200.00 an acre for 10.59 acres in Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, and 78 acres in Section 5, Township 32 South, Range 17 East;

Polk County—Roy E. Surles, on behalf of J. T. Coward, offers \$100.00 an acre for 9.4 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Bonny in Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, and

Polk County—Roy E. Surles, on behalf of C. V. McClurg, offers \$50.00 an acre for 21 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Bonny, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 24 East;

Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of W. A. Parrish and wife and S. Black and wife, offers \$133.00 an acre for 215 acres of bay bottom land in Sections 16 and 17, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, offers \$179.00 an acre for 97 acres of bay bottom land in Section 10 and 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Miss Lottie Switlik, offers \$189.00 an acre for 9.3 acres of bay bottom land in Section 26, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, and

Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Joseph and Josephine Giovannelli, offers \$377.00 an acre for 2.2 acres of bay bottom land in Section 20, Township 65 South, Range 34 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the several parcels applied for by adjacent upland owners.

Orange County—Morton Kutner offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.08 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway adjacent to his upland property known as Lots 3 and 4, Block "P", Nela Isle, Belle Island Mainland Section.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Kutner and authorize conveyance of the parcel adjacent to his upland property.

Monroe County—Senator William R. Neblett, on behalf of the Norberg Thompson Estate, offered \$150.00 an acre for purchase of approximately 28 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to their upland property on the Island of Key West, Florida. The appraisal made values the land at \$1000.00 an acre and Senator Neblett asks that the Trustees review the case and accept the offer from his clients.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to accept a price of \$200.00 an acre for the land, subject to advertisement for objections only.

Monroe County—G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of William F. Stalcup, offered \$100.00 an acre for the purchase of 1.4 acres of submerged land in Section 8, Township 63 South, Range 38 East. The land was appraised at \$500.00 an acre and Mr. Crawshaw requests that the Trustees reconsider his application on the basis of his original offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree on a price of \$200.00 an acre for the land, subject to advertisement for objections only.

Mr. Henry Toland requests conveyance by the Trustees of certain lands, part of which were included in original agreement with American Cyanamid Company in 1929. Mr. Toland states that he will accept 165 acres of the original 460 acres, and offers check in amount of \$500.00 for the reduced acreage. He also applies to purchase the remainder of the submerged land outward for an unspecified distance from land owned by him and associates.

A letter was presented from the Attorney General to Mr. Toland in which he stated that he could not recommend conveyance of land in excess of 165 acres as suggested by Mr. Elliot at a meeting sometime ago.

Attorney General Ervin stated in substance that he thought it might be well to have Mr. Toland come before the board and explain the whole situation as he feels it is purely a matter of equity.

Mr. Elliot reviewed the American Cyanamid Company's application and plan in 1929, which was abandoned by said company without any payment having been received by the Trustees and without deed ever having been issued to any part of the land; that the com-

pany did not complete filling the area or construct the plant as provided in the agreement. Mr. Toland and associates purchased the 460 acres of submerged land in Hillsborough County from American Cyanamid Company and it later developed said company had no legal title to the area.

After full discussion of the subject, it was agreed that Mr. Toland be requested to meet with the Trustees two weeks from this date—May 10, 1955—and give the members the full story as it was given to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot.

Application was presented from Palm Beach County for grant of two parcels of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Mangonia, comprising 1.12 acres in Section 5, and 4.66 acres in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 43 East; also submerged land in Lake Worth, one parcel being north of Riviera Memorial Causeway on State Road 703, containing 10.75 acres, and a parcel on the south side of the causeway, comprising 10 acres, both in Section 27, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees have the property appraised and ascertain from the county what offer they will make for the land, with the understanding that it will be used for public purposes.

West Palm Beach Water Company, West Palm Beach, Florida, makes application to purchase submerged land on Lake Mangonia in Section 5 and 9, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, citing Chapter 27806, Acts of 1951, as authority for conveyance of the land. Letter was presented from Palm Beach County advising that the county has no objection to sale of the land to the Water Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that an appraisal be made on the land applied for and ascertain what price the applicant will offer for the property.

Attention was called to a matter recently presented to Governor Collins and Mr. Elliot by Senator Joe B. Rood and Mr. William Budd of Sarasota, Florida, with reference to a design for protecting beaches from erosion and restoration of beaches already eroded. It was suggested that the Trustees might be interested in participating in an experiment on a full scale test out in the Gulf; that such test would probably cost between ten and twelve thousand dollars.

After discussion of the subject, it was agreed to invite Senator Rood and Mr. Budd to be present at the meeting of the Trustees May 3rd, so that Mr. Budd could explain his plan to the full membership of the Trustees (Meeting held May 5.)

Mr. Elliot presented two bills proposed for introduction at this session on the following subjects:

1. Substitute for Senate Bill No. 300 relating to meandered fresh water lakes; prohibiting filling, dredging or altering the shore line, except with permission; the Trustees to exercise certain authority and to cooperate with counties and municipalities;
2. A bill giving the Trustees certain discretionary authority with reference to oil and mineral leases executed prior to 1945, at which time an act was passed regulating leases for oil and minerals.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the two bills as explained by Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	26.64
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State School Fund	23,794.47
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	9,925.41
To General Revenue Fund—3%	10,546.36
Rose Properties, Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	254,600.00
Sinclair Wells — Expenses	129.19
F. C. Elliot — Expenses	19.88
U. S. Geological Survey—	
Water Investigative Work	5,620.60
West Coast Inland Navigation District—	
For Participation in Survey Work	1,500.00
City of Pahokee—	
For Work on Breakwater Project	1,312.50
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg — Appraisal	107.50
Sarasota Appraisal Service	65.00
Capital Paper Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	11.12
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers — Appraisal ...	60.00
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando, Appraisal	50.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service	40.00

Shell Oil Co., Atlanta Ga.	22.47
Western Union Telegraph Co.	10.94
Ed Scott, CCC Collier County—Recording Fee	2.90
D. T. Farabee, CCC Lee County—Recording	1.80
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County	2.23
Southeastern Telephone Co.	80.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	3.85
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville	3.89
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County	3.20
Dorothy Pierce, CCC Martin County	1.75
Troy E. Moody, TC, Indian River Co.—Taxes	390.41
TOTAL	\$313,141.33

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 603 listing sixty-seven (67) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, also Pasco County Deed No. 918-Corrective to E. P. Jones and Mattie L. Jones, approved for issuance by the Attorney General's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 603 as presented.

Commonwealth Oil Company requests approval by the Trustees for assignment to Amerada Petroleum Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, of Oil and Gas Lease No. 14-M.A., covering Okeechobee County land. Mr. Elliot stated that the lease provides for such assignments upon approval by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 5, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated April 19 and 26, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Joe Kelleher, on behalf of Michael Lewin, offers \$15.00 an acre for Lot 2, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Wells have an appraisal made of the lot.

The following applications were submitted from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged lands:

Pinellas County—John Stuart offers \$125.00 for a small parcel of submerged land, comprising 0.55 of an acre, adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East. The offer is equal to the appraisal on the parcel.

Monroe County—John P. Goggin, on behalf of D. W. Johnson and A. E. Driscoll, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 4 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 32 East. (Submerged land adjacent to this parcel was recently appraised at \$179.00 an acre.)

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the parcels in Pinellas and Monroe Counties applied for by Mr. Stuart and Mr. Goggin based on the price offered by each.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski, the upland owner, makes application to purchase 102 acres of bay bottom land in Sections 4, 5 and 8, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County, for which he offers \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for objections only on the basis of \$100.00 an acre.

Discussion followed and suggestions made as to the advisability of disposing of submerged lands in large quantities, the effect it might have on nearby upland owners as to view, changing the contour of the shoreline, interfering with commerce and spoiling the beauty of the water front; also whether or not it would be a good idea to engage some person on a professional basis to review the policies of the Trustees in dealing with lands with a view to having a plan to follow for the over-all picture in reference to land sales in different parts of the state. It was brought out that Dade and Pinellas Counties have legislation that controls to a certain extent the filling-in and improvement of their water front areas and the Trustees have certain authority in connection with these two areas; that there has not been very much objection raised to land sale procedure in Monroe County.

Procedure now being followed by the Trustees was discussed, under which the Engineer is required to approve all applications before they are presented to the board. Mr. Elliot reviewed certain policies recommended by him some months ago with the result that a committee was appointed to study maps and plans, but that the committee has been unable to make the study as yet; he feels the Trustees are not only interested in the nature of the improvement contemplated by the applicant to purchase but also in protecting lands of all citizens in the locality and what effect it will have on navigation, currents, and the public welfare.

It was suggested that it might be well that each agenda presented to the Trustees show whether or not the Engineer has checked the application and approved same; that if additional assistance is needed, he be authorized to employ workers.

Governor Collins recommends that no sales be made where the sale would be contrary to the public interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$50.00, and if Mr. Parrish desires to come before the board with maps and plans they will hear him.

Request was presented for reconsideration of application from Palm Beach County for acquisition of two parcels of submerged land in Lake Worth comprising 20.748 acres in Section 27, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, and two parcels of lake bottom land in Lake Mangonia, in Sections 5 and 9, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, the four parcels to be used for public purposes only, the land in Lake Worth to be advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken on this application March 29, and authorize conveyance to the county, without cost, of the four parcels applied for, the parcels in Lake Worth to be advertised for objections only, and deeds to contain the public purpose clause.

T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Clarence Arnold, makes application for a five year grazing lease on 53.64 acres of land in Section 5, Township 38 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County, for which he offers \$1.00 per acre annual rental.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five year lease as requested by Mr. Conely, with rental on the basis of \$1.00 an acre annually.

Commonwealth Oil Company requests permission to assign to Amerada Petroleum Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma, an undivided three-fourths interest in its Oil and Gas Lease No. 984 covering land in Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and approved assignment under the terms of said lease.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that letters have been received from the Senators and Representatives in Congress acknowledging copy of resolution adopted by the Trustees April 12, 1955, with reference to title to small islands or keys in Monroe County claimed by the United States, and assuring the Trustees of their full cooperation.

Ben Overton and W. A. F. Stephenson presented for approval of the Trustees a draft of a bill to be submitted to the legislature providing for conveyance by the Trustees of submerged land in Pinellas County, for public purposes only, the general description of which is an area south of Maximo Channel, including the area around Mullet Key and west of right of way for the Sunshine Skyway. It was explained that the proposed act has been discussed with Mr. Elliot, the Trustees' Engineer, and he suggested an addition to Section 3 providing that said act would not affect the right of the Trustees to lease to the United States within two years the island known as Bush or Tarpon Key as a wildlife sanctuary. (The said key is under lease at this time to the United States.)

Provisions of the proposed act were discussed, and the Attorney General suggested that the restriction clause provide that the land be granted to the County of Pinellas for public recreation purposes and for no other use.

The Trustees were assured that the Board of County Commissioners were in accord with introduction of the bill and it was with the view of getting legislation enacted at this session that the freeze on land sales was requested.

Mr. Mercer Brown, representing certain private land owners, stated that there are privately owned lands within the areas requested to be conveyed to the county, but it is contemplated that exceptions in the bill will take care of those areas and it is the belief of the delegation that for the most part the private owners within that area will have no objection to the conveyance for public recreation purposes; that information has been received from some small owners that if

the line were moved eastward about one thousand feet and provision made for obtaining fill for submerged land in front of upland owners, they would withdraw objections. It was also stated that there is no plan for filling or development of the area, but to make use of it for public beaches and recreation for the public; that any filling or development would be on Mullet Key which is owned by the county now.

The necessity of making provision for Intracoastal Waterway right of way was brought out, and Mr. Elliot pointed out the need for improvement by making available areas to be set aside, subject to approval of West Coast Inland Navigation District.

Mr. Overton stated that it was the purpose of the county to provide for waterway and road rights of way.

Mr. Elliot also suggested that it might be well to consider whether the proposed bill should provide that the Trustees be given authority to approved any proposed construction for any use prior to its being made; that it might be helpful for the reason that if protests were filed they could be heard.

The suggestion was approved by Mr. Overton, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Brown, with the comment by Mr. Brown that it would be very desirable for the Trustees to have the right to review and veto any proposed construction if in their judgment they felt it was not for the best interest of the public.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the bill subject to approval of form by the Attorney General, with the following to be included in the bill:

1. Definition of "public use" to be made more specific with continued authority of the Trustees to approve uses as developed;
2. Reservation of intracoastal waterway uses;
3. Reverter clause to be clarified.

Mr. Stephenson stated to the Trustees that a local bill will be introduced along the lines already discussed, which will set up a local authority to be appointed by the Governor, the purpose of which will be to serve as an advisory body on local land sales; also providing for permits to be obtained from the county before any changes can be made in the shore line, establishment of bulkhead lines, and the proposed bill repeals the Act passed in 1953 establishing Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control District.

Governor Collins stated that he has received a letter from United States Senator Spessard Holland submitting proposal from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for settling permanently the boundaries of Everglades National Park. The Governor suggested that members of the legislature in the area affected be invited to be present when the letter is considered.

Without objection it was agreed that a meeting be held Monday, May 9, 1955, at 10 o'clock A.M., for a conference with members of the legislature and the Trustees to discuss the proposal from the National Park Service.

Senator Joe Bill Rood of Bradenton, Florida, and Mr. William Budd of Sarasota, Florida, were present for the purpose of demonstrating a device invented by Mr. Budd for controlling erosion on beaches in Florida.

Mr. Budd assembled the device and explained its operation and the cost of the unit construction. He proposed that the Trustees participate in the expense of an experiment to show the effectiveness of the device.

In discussing the proposal, it was suggested that should the Trustees go into the experiment, it should be made on one of the public beaches of the state; that Mr. Budd participate in the cost of such experiment which was estimated to be between ten and twelve thousand dollars.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the legislature be asked to make an appropriation for the experiment and upon inquiry as to the chance of getting an act through the Legislature, Senator Rood stated that he would try to get through the Senate an appropriation for experimenting on beach erosion.

The following action taken by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions is copied into the minutes of the Trustees as having reference to Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund.

Representatives from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission appeared before the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions with reference to purchase by the state of a portion of the property held by the said Game Commission described as Lots 53 and 54 and the East seventy (70) feet of Lot 52 of the Original Plan of Tallahassee, being a parcel 80 by 240 feet on East Lafayette Street opposite the Mayo Building.

The proposal is (1) to sell to the State Road Department a strip on the north side of the property 30 by 240 feet for \$41,000.00, which will be used in the construction of the 4-Lane Highway, and (2) to sell the balance of the property — 50 by 240 feet — to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for \$23,000.00, which parcel is to be used in the development of the Capitol Center.

Motion was made by State Treasurer Larson, seconded by Attorney General Ervin and adopted, that a committee of three be appointed from the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to make recommendations as to the purchase of the property.

Comptroller Green, Treasurer Larson and Attorney General Ervin were appointed as the committee.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot submitted Report No. 604 listing thirty-six (36) bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, thirteen (13) quitclaim deeds for releasing road right of way as approved by the State Road Department, and Dade County Deed No. 899-Cor. to Arthur S. Feiss.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 604 and authorize issuance of deed corresponding thereto.

Florida Power Corporation makes application for right of way through Murphy Act land in Volusia County, being a strip varying in width from fifty (50) to ninety (90) feet and approximately four hundred (400) feet long, comprising part of Lots 172, 173, 196, 197, 220, 221, 244, 245, 246, 247 and 249, Highlands Park Addition, Section 4, Township 18 South, Range 30 East, Volusia County. The applicant offers \$35.00 for the easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in the usual form based on the offer submitted, which is at the rate of \$1.44 per rod.

Carl D. Washington and wife make application for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953 of Lots 1 and 3, Block 169 West End Addition to Ocala, Marion County, and offer \$10.00 for said lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$10.00, but agree to make conveyance to applicants upon payment of \$25.00.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

Attest F. C. Elliot
Secretary

LeROY COLLINS,
Governor-Chairman

Tallahassee, Florida
May 9, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in called meeting in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State and member of State Board of Education, was also present.

The following Senators and Representatives were present as a delegation from the Legislative body:

Senator Joe B. Rood, 36th District
 Senator Wm. R. Neblett, 24th District
 Senator R. B. Gautier, 13th District
 Senator Paul Kickliter, 34th District
 Representative John M. Hathaway, Charlotte County
 Representative David C. Jones, Jr., Collier County
 Representative George S. Okell, Dade County
 Representative John B. Herrell, Dade County
 Representative James S. Moody, Hillsborough County
 Representative Wm. C. Grimes, Manatee County
 Representative Bernie C. Papy, Monroe County
 Representative Henry S. Bartholomew, Sarasota County

Governor Collins stated that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss a proposal which the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service, has submitted for settlement of permanent boundaries of Everglades National Park; that various proposals have been made for settlement of this question and the time has come when permanent boundaries should be established once and for all so that land owners in that area may know what to expect, the National Park Service will know what it will be expected to develop, and the Trustees will know how to deal with lands affected.

The Governor read the following letter setting forth the proposal of the National Park Service:

May 3, 1955

The Honorable LeRoy Collins
 Governor of Florida
 Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Governor Collins:

Following the public hearing which you called as part of the Internal Improvement Board's considerations of Everglades National Park boundaries, and subsequent conferences, the National Park Service has been quite appreciative of your efforts to help us arrive at a solution to this problem. Our present conclusions, which we now submit for your attention are as follows:

(1) We request the approval of the State of Florida to the inclusion in Everglades National Park of that part of the Ten Thousand Islands and surrounding lands and waters within a boundary already discussed with you and the In-

ternal Improvement Trustees, and referred to in our discussion as the northwest extension.

(2) We request the transfer to the United States Government of the lands donated by the Collier Corporation for inclusion in the National Park. Part of these lands are in the above discussed northwest extension, and part are east of Everglades City, within the previously legally authorized Park boundary in Collier County.

(3) We accept an approximate change in boundary line for Tract No. 1 which you suggested following the public hearing with the Internal Improvement Board, and which can be described more accurately as follows:

Beginning on the present Park boundary line at the southwest corner of Twp. 53 S., R. 31 E., follow easterly along the line between Collier County and Monroe County a distance of five miles to the northwest corner of Sec. 1, Twp. 54 S., R. 31 E.; thence southerly three miles to the southwest corner of Sec. 13, Twp. 54 S., R. 31 E.; thence easterly one mile to the southeast corner of said Sec. 13; thence southerly two miles to the northwest corner of Sec. 31, Twp. 54 S., R. 32 E.; thence easterly two miles to the northeast corner of Sec. 32, Twp. 54 S., R. 32 E.; thence southerly two miles to the southeast corner of Sec. 5, Twp. 55 S., R. 32 E.; thence easterly one mile to the southeast corner of Sec. 4, Twp. 55, R. 32; thence southerly two miles to the southeast corner of Sec. 16, Twp. 55, R. 32; thence easterly three miles to the southeast corner of Sec. 13, Twp. 55, R. 32; thence southerly four miles to the southwest corner of Sec. 6, Twp. 56 S., R. 33 E.; thence easterly a distance of thirteen miles to the southeast corner of Sec. 6, Twp. 56 S., R. 35 E.; thence northerly ten miles to the northeast corner of Sec. 19, Twp. 54 S., R. 35 E., and a connection with the present north boundary line of Everglades National Park.

This line will eliminate from the Park much of the eastern portion of the Patten land now owned by the United States Government.

We are agreeable to eliminating from consideration for inclusion in the Park what has been described as Tract No. 3, which lies in Twp. 57 S., R. 37. E.

We find it absolutely necessary for the purposes of National Park administration to include what has recently been referred to as the "Hole-in-the-Doughnut," or Tract No. 4, within the National Park boundaries. It is not our intention to acquire the privately owned lands within Tract No. 4 as long as they are used for agricultural purposes, and we will agree not to do so until the owners thereof agree to sell their property to the United States Government through negotiated sales.

Should these requirements be satisfactory to you, the National Park Service will be willing to work with the Florida delegation in Congress in order to legally define the resulting line as the authorized and actual boundary line of Everglades National Park, and to agree to whatever legislation is necessary to cancel the existing authorities to go beyond that line.

If such a solution is acceptable to you we would expect in turn that the State of Florida, in accordance with existing Florida legislation, would transfer to the United States all presently State owned lands and waters anywhere within the resulting boundaries on the same terms as to reservation of oil and mineral rights that are permitted previous owners of private lands under terms of the Act of Congress approved October 10, 1949 (63 Stat. 733). It will likewise be necessary that any outstanding State contracts or leases permitting cutting of mangrove, or elimination of any other surface material from existing State lands and waters, be cancelled immediately and pending their conveyance to the United States.

The National Park Service in turn will seek Congressional authority to transfer to the State of Florida those Federally owned lands excluded from the Park by this understanding, and will be willing to deed those lands to the State of Florida in fee simple, provided an equal contiguous acreage of State owned lands within the Park, to be selected by us, is conveyed to the United States in fee simple.

It will be expected that the State of Florida secure any necessary additional legislation which may be needed to make all parts of such an agreement effective.

If the foregoing meets with your approval, and we are so advised, we will prepare a draft of an agreement containing these terms and submit it to you for execution on behalf of the State.

A map showing the boundary lines represented by these points is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ Conrad L. Wirth
Director

Mr. Elliot pointed out on a map the maximum boundaries and also indicated restricted boundaries which, if permanently decided on, would release an area from further effect of the maximum boundaries.

Governor Collins stated that he has talked with Senator Spessard Holland about the proposal from the National Park Service and he stated substantially as follows: That he does not feel that he can get from the National Congress a settlement of these boundaries on a basis not approved by the National Park Service at the present time;

that the present Department of the Interior is probably more liberal in the matter of exclusion of areas from the park boundaries than previous administrations have been and perhaps more liberal than any in the future will be. He feels that this offer is a good permanent solution for the matter and is pessimistic of obtaining any other settlement by Congress at the present time; that if the Trustees do not reconcile their views on the basis of the proposal suggested by the Interior Department, he will feel some obligation to introduce legislation in Congress fixing the permanent boundaries as he has made commitments.

A telegram was read from B and L Farms urging that the park area not be increased to take in farm land in Tract 4 as that land is needed for agricultural purposes.

Senator Neblett of Key West presented a map outlining proposed maximum boundaries included in a bill before the Senate at this time, which excludes Tracts 3 and 4, provides for a western corridor, saves the farm lands and the last strip of water front in both counties for the people of that area, and still provides sufficient land for an inland waterway in the park.

Governor Collins stated that he feels the permanent boundaries of the park should include the very minimum additional lands necessary to provide the so-called western entrance; that not one acre of land in Tract 4 should be taken into the park or any land available for agricultural use; that it is important to the people of the State to get this boundary question settled and he has argued with the Federal people to avoid extending the boundaries and now they come back with this proposal; that it seems the Trustees are faced either with accepting the proposal or saying we are not agreeable and leaving the matter unsettled.

Mr. Larson stated that he feels Tract 4 should be eliminated from inclusion in the park; that the Trustees should let the Federal Government know the State is willing to negotiate; that certain things should be specified that the Trustees will be willing to do and setting forth those things they will not agree to.

Mr. Mayo was also of the opinion that Tract 4 should be eliminated from the boundaries. Also, the Ten Thousand Islands should be excluded as they are going to be very valuable for the State to have.

Representative Papy of Monroe County expressed the view that the Federal Government should deed back to the State part of the land within the park; that the boundaries should be cut off between Ranges 35 and 36, Township 55, the remainder to be reconveyed to the State, and an area for a western corridor be given to the Park.

Representative Jones of Collier County stated that his people are interested in the western corridor and in Tract 1, but not in Tract 4; that all the mangrove area should be included in the Park for protection of wild life; that his understanding is that the National Park

Service can condemn land in Tract 1 and take it if they so desire. His position is that now is the time to get the boundaries of the park permanently settled and he feels the Park Service has gone a long way in conceding what they have.

Representative Herrell of Dade County stated that thousands of acres of Tract 4 are being farmed and he would oppose acquisition of any additional land out of Tract 4 going into the Park.

Senator Paul Kickliter of Tampa stated that he attended the meeting on April 2 and he understood all the people on the west coast want the western entrance and he thinks 53 sections is adequate for whatever is needed; that it is a serious matter when the Federal Government takes land from individuals to include in the Park. He urged that the Trustees go cautiously and consider gravely in conceding to the proposal from the Federal Government as the rights of the people of the State should be protected, and he does not see the need for any additional land to be taken into the Park.

Attorney General Ervin explained the position of the Trustees in connection with adoption of the resolution in 1951, by which it was agreed that the Park boundaries be expanded conditioned upon Congressional action being taken, and the rescinding of the said resolution in 1954. The Trustees felt they were justified in taking such action as nothing had been done by the Congress and the Trustees were receiving numerous protests from land owners in South Florida to any further extension of the park boundaries; also oil exploration was active and the Trustees were anxious to have tests made to ascertain if there was oil in Florida. He feels the Federal Government has the right to take in additional lands if it has the money to purchase them so as to complete acquisition of the park area; and their proposal is not to take in private lands in Tract 4 as long as they are used for agricultural purposes. He stated that if the matter was left with the Trustees he is not going to vote to grant any more lands, that if the Senate Memorial is adopted he will go along with that and follow Legislative action. He does not feel that Trustees should go against Legislative action.

Representative Okell of Dade County recommends that legislative action be followed.

Senator Gautier stated that his position is the same as 12 years ago — that the Park can be an asset to Florida; and he does not see any objection to the western corridor.

Governor Collins stated that the National Park people have been down and the Trustees expressed themselves as not being in favor of any more land being taken into the park; that they are agreeable to a western corridor but are not in favor of any agricultural land being taken in. The Governor further stated that he was not in favor of yielding Tract 4 to the Park; that he was agreeable to going along with a western corridor proposal, excluding the bulk of the land in Tract 1 and a large part of the Patten land; that his suggestion is that the Trustees submit a counter proposal by which they will accept exclusion of Tract 3 and Tract 4, agree to the north-

western entrance including the taking in of the Collier lands, the fixed line to be subject to re-negotiation.

Senator Rood of Manatee County suggested that the solution should not be based on a desirable settlement for right now, but that a long-range plan be adopted. He believes this park could be made the center of attraction for thousands of people who have never seen anything like it.

Secretary of State R. A. Gray reviewed some of the history of the Park, especially with reference to Congressional Acts creating the park, fixing its boundaries, etc.

The Governor suggested that it might be proper for the Legislature to set up a Legislative Everglades National Park Advisory Committee, composed of members from the Senate and House, to advise with the Trustees and become a part of negotiations in an effort to get the whole matter settled. The Trustees do not want to take any action that will not be satisfactory to the Legislative branch.

Senators Gautier and Neblett stated that they would be agreeable to having such committee and would work with the Trustees along that line.

Representative Jones stated that the average Legislator has no idea whatever about the park and does not understand the problems of the area vitally affected; and he is willing to go along with whatever the Trustees decide is best but he definitely would like to have the western entrance. However, he thinks the lines should be drawn in.

Representatives Bartholomew and Johnson stated that they were in accord with the views of Mr. Jones as they are anxious to get the western corridor.

Representative Grimes of Manatee County expressed the desire that the western corridor be provided in the interest of the west coast area of Florida.

At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreeable with the delegation that the Governor draft a letter to the National Park Service making counter proposal to eliminate certain areas from the park boundaries (Tracts 3 and 4), provide a western entrance to take in the Collier lands, and reduce the eastern boundary lines as much as practicable.

Upon motion duly adopted, the meeting adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 10, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that on March 22, 1955, the Trustees authorized advertised for sealed competitive bids two (2) oil leases covering areas designated as follows:

1. That portion of the Chattahoochee River lying West of the thread of said river in Jackson County, Florida; said portion extends from the southeast corner of fractional Section 13, Township 6 North, Range 7 West, northerly to the State Line between Florida and Alabama. Containing approximately 290 acres.
2. That portion of the Chattahoochee River lying west of the thread of said river in Jackson County, Florida; said portion extends from the southeast corner of fractional Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 7 West, northerly to the Southeast corner of fractional Township 6 North, Range 7 West, containing approximately 310 acres.

The lease was advertised in the Tallahassee Democrat and in the Marianna Floridian on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land to be leased was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he has received the following bids from Humble Oil and Refining Co. for each of the parcels:

Parcel No. 1—290 acres—a bid of \$319.00

Parcel No. 2—310 acres—a bid of \$341.00

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bids from Humble Oil and Refining Company for lease on the land described; lease to require royalty payments of one-eighth in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, and shall be for a primary term of ten years.

The following lands were advertised for objections only on application from the adjoining upland owner:

1. **BROWARD COUNTY**—On March 29, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$10,400.00 from Dwight L. Rogers, Jr., on behalf of Phillips Petroleum Company, for purchase of 4.01 acres of submerged land in Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 42 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. **BROWARD COUNTY**—On March 29, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$3,050.00 from O. Morton Weston, Jr., on behalf of George W. Clay, Jr., Herbert T. Greenwood, Edward H. Winterbottom and Gustav A. Oloffson, for purchase of 0.17 of an acre of submerged land in Hillsboro Bay, Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, lying easterly of and contiguous to Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, Block 10 of Hillsboro Shores, and easterly of and contiguous to Lot 16, Block 3 Hillsboro Beach. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. **DADE COUNTY**—On March 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1000.00 an acre from Ben Shepard, on behalf of the City of Miami Beach, Florida, and adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian Creek, in Section 23, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lots 1 to 12, inclusive, of Indian Creek Corporation's Subdivision, containing 2.04 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. **MANATEE COUNTY**—On March 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Robert J. Crampton for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, lying Southwesterly of Crampton Re-Subdivision of Cortez Addition to Cortez, containing 67 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed in so far as the Trustees are concerned.

5. **MONROE COUNTY**—On March 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1000.00 an acre from Julius F. Stone, on behalf of Charles F. Frye, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the

Bay of Florida, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying northerly of and adjacent to Tract 20 and East 20 feet of Tract 21 of Hilton Haven Subdivision, Section 2 on the Island of Key West, containing 0.55 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants of the five parcels of land described in Broward, Dade, Manatee and Monroe Counties upon payment of the amounts agreed upon, said offers being equal to appraised value of the land.

L. G. Hester offers \$805.00 for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 14 West, Bay County, containing 80.08 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$805.00.

Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen, offers the appraised value of \$100.00 an acre for 150 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells reported that he has received a letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County in which they waive their objections to sale of this parcel.

Motion was offered by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for sale, subject to objection only, the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County having waived objections to the sale.

Frank B. Mitchell offers \$300.00 an acre, which is the appraised price, for 0.44 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 35, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only, based on the offer submitted.

Tom Handley offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of fifteen (15) acres of reclaimed lake bottoms of Lake Okeechobee in Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$300.00 an acre.

W. F. Dickinson makes application for a campsite lease on Long Arsenicker Key in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year campsite lease in favor of Mr. Dickinson covering a parcel 200 feet by 200 feet on Long Arsenicker Key as described.

Mr. H. P. Rutherford and Mr. Raymond Burr came before the Trustees in connection with their lease No. 920-A to Rutherford Lumber Company and asked that the Trustees hold payments on their lease in escrow until such time as the boundaries of Everglades National Park are settled; that with this question not settled they are not able to operate under their lease; that they do not want to cancel the lease and do not want to continue making payments until they are allowed to cut the mangrove covered by the lease.

It was suggested that the payments made by lessee could be refunded and when the park boundaries are decided, then negotiations could be entered into for a lease, to which Mr. Burr replied that they did not want the money refunded and they did not want to cancel the lease, but wanted a moratorium on payments until the park matter is settled.

It was also suggested that in the event any lands were cut out of the lease, the Trustees would try to work out other lands in lieu thereof.

Mr. Burr agreed that such arrangement would be satisfactory. He stated that they are not trying to block the settlement of the boundary issue, but as soon as settled, any lands affected by the corridor can be readjusted, but they wish to keep the present lease and wait until the park matter is decided on.

Motion was made by Attorney General that inasmuch as the question of the continuance of Lease No. 920-A of Rutherford Lumber Company depended upon the outcome of the proposed settlement of the question of the northwest corridor into Everglades National Park, and inasmuch as the company has not removed mangrove pursuant to the terms of the lease because of the unsettled question relative to the corridor, rental money already paid by the company be placed in a trust account and held; that further rental payments on the lease be suspended and at the time of the settlement of the question of the corridor such funds in the trust account be disposed of as may then appear equitable to the Trustees, and that such suspended rentals then be paid or not be paid as may then appear equitable to the Trustees under the circumstances then existing.

Motion was seconded by Comptroller Green and upon vote adopted.

Messrs. Henry Toland, G. L. Reeves and Richard E. Knight were present, the Trustees having set this date to discuss the application from Mr. Toland for conveyance of certain submerged lands in Hillsborough Bay, originally covered by application in 1929 from American Cyanamid Company.

Mr. Elliot reviewed the situation which grew out of an arrangement in 1929-30 to convey to American Cyanamid Company certain bottoms in Hillsborough Bay comprising an area of 460 acres. American Cyanamid proposed to erect a phosphate plant, fill lands on which the plant would rest, bulkhead a part of the area and excavate a channel out to the Government channel. Applicant was to pay \$500.00 and the Trustees were to convey the land when those things required had been completed. No plant was constructed. A small fill was made and a part of the bulkhead completed, but no consideration was paid and the company apparently abandoned the project. American Cyanamid Company undertook to convey title to Mr. Toland and associates in 1942, and they in turn conveyed a portion of the area to Tampa Electric Company. Upon examination of the records of Hillsborough County, no deed could be found and no proof or record that the Trustees ever issued the deed, and there is no evidence that the consideration of \$500.00 was ever paid to the Trustees.

Mr. Toland now asks that the Trustees convey to himself and associates the area included in the agreement of 1929-1930 with American Cyanamid.

At a former meeting the Secretary and Engineer recommended that the area for conveyance be reduced as the Electric Company had no use for 500 acres, and a parcel containing 165 acres was suggested as adequate for the needs of said company, with payment of \$500.00 therefor.

Mr. Reeves asked that the Trustees consider this case as a moral obligation; that Mr. Toland and associates were under the impression that American Cyanamid Company had title to the land when they conveyed it; that the first knowledge they had that the Trustees had not issued a deed was after the sale to Tampa Electric when application was made to the Army Engineers for permit to fill. The Trustees were then contacted and no record could be found of the deed or that the money had been paid by Cyanamid people. He requests that the Trustees convey to Mr. Toland the 165 acres for \$500.00 and consider his application for the remainder of the acreage involved.

Mr. Knight, representing the Port Authority, asked that the Trustees sell the area to Mr. Toland at the price offered as Hillsborough County is developing that part of the bay as industrial property and making it available for such purpose will be to the advantage of that section.

The question came up as to whether or not the land has been extended on the tax rolls for collection of taxes.

Mr. Hewitt Walker, Deputy Tax Assessor of Hillsborough County, was present and was asked whether or not the submerged areas have been assessed for taxes since the 1929-1930 transaction, to which he replied, in substance, that the Tax Assessor's office has assessed the filled area for a number of years, in fact since the fill was made by American Cyanamid; that some years ago American Cyanamid returned the so-called submerged lands for taxation but the Assessor never assessed submerged land until it was filled, but the fact that it was adjacent to submerged land was taken into consideration in fixing the value of filled areas. He further stated that submerged lands are now being assessed for taxes and this land has been assessed higher than adjacent territory as it has more potential value than abutting property.

The Trustees expressed their views on the proposed conveyance and what their understanding is, whereupon the Governor suggested that an appraisal be made of the whole tract, separating the value of the filled area and the submerged, and when that is furnished that the matter again be considered. It was so ordered.

Mr. Wells was requested to get an appraisal in line with the suggestion of the Governor.

Comptroller Ray E. Green, as chairman of the committee appointed to look into purchase by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the balance of the property purchased by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission several years ago reported that the value placed by the appraiser for this lot based on the same figure arrived at for the State Road Department would leave the remaining land at \$23,000.00.

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund advanced \$4,716.67 toward acquisition of the property and the Committee recommends that the Trustees offer the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission \$18,283.33 for the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, that the report be accepted and approved. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration a bill for introduction in the legislature with reference to topographic mapping in the State of Florida by the United States Geological Survey. He stated that the State Road Department and Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District have approved the bill, and said agencies together with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have agreed to participate in the cost of such survey, the United States cooperating therein.

No action taken.

Mr. Elliot presented a number of telegrams from persons in the vicinity of Everglades National Park, all protesting any addition to the park boundaries, except the northwestern corridor.

The Trustees directed that the messages be acknowledged with the information that the subject is still under consideration and no final decision has been reached.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 605 was presented listing sixteen (16) regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as presented and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Mr. Elliot recommends denying the following applications for conveyance of land under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953:

Citrus County land applied for by Audrey Z. Langner. Examination of the records does not disclose sufficient evidence of title;

Alachua County land described as a parcel containing approximately 10 acres in Section 7, Township 9 South, Range 21 East, for which applicant offers \$81.35. Examination of the records disclose that the description is too indefinite to justify conveyance under said Act.

Citrus County land applied for by Audrey Z. Langner described as Government Lot 4 less 10 acres on west side and less 30 acres on east side, in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 20 East, containing 18.23 acres. Examination of the records does not disclose sufficient evidence of title.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline, without prejudice, the two applications for conveyance under Chapter 28317.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Marion County, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 17, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of May 5, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of submerged lands adjoining upland property of applicants:

Brevard County—Robert M. Avent, on behalf of Florida National Bank & Trust Company of Miami, as Trustees, offers \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Indian River, Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 35 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to said Section 35, and Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 of said Section 1. Containing 1400 acres, more or less. Land appraised at \$10.00 an acre.

Collier County—William D. Hixon, on behalf of Robert L. Combs and Elmer Aldacosta, offers \$500.00 an acre, which is the appraised value, for purchase of 1.21 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, located east of and adjoining the east line of the Town of Naples.

Volusia County—Robert H. Matthews, on behalf of Robert Poland, et ux, offers \$700.00 an acre, which is the appraised value, for purchase of 0.96 of an acre of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and across Riverside Drive from the South 99.58 feet of Lot 22, Mendell's Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the three parcels of land described, based on offers submitted.

O. P. Johnson, on behalf of Annie M. Geenens, adjoining upland owner, offers the appraised value of \$50.00 an acre for approximately 6½ acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in East Tohopekaliga, Section 10, Township 25 South, Range 30 East, Osceola County.

May 17, 1955

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land to Annie M. Geenens, adjacent upland owner, without advertisement.

J. Russell Hornsby, on behalf of E. B. Moses, the upland owner, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.29 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottoms of Lake Conway, Orange County, Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Moses, the upland owner, and authorize conveyance, without advertisement, of the parcel applied for.

John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Haven B. Page, adjoining upland owner, offered the appraised value of \$175.00 an acre for purchase of 1.72 acres of submerged land in Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Mr. Wells explained that this parcel was advertised for sale subject to objections only, but owing to change in upland ownership the deed was not issued. This has been cleared and Mr. Burket requests issuance of deed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale and authorize issuance of deed to the parcel described at the price offered—\$175.00 an acre.

J. Y. Porter, IV, on behalf of the City of Key West, offers \$1.00 for 110 acres of submerged land south of and adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard, on the Island of Key West, comprising a strip approximately 6000 feet long and 800 feet deep, to be used as a public beach for the City of Key West.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for objections only, the deed to contain a reverter clause should the land ever be used for other than a public beach.

Letter was read from the Key West Board of Realtors requesting that appraisals of state owned land in Monroe County be made by a member of their board rather than by a non-resident of that county.

Mr. Elliot suggested that it would be helpful if the Trustees prepared a memorandum of the basis on which appraisals should be made, taking into account the value of the land, the suitability of the improvement to be made, its effect on adjacent property.

In a discussion of the subject, Governor Collins suggested that the Monroe County Board of Realtors select a man to come to Tallahassee, at his expense, to discuss the matter and if satisfactory, the Trustees try him on making appraisals in his county.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the suggestion of the Governor be approved.

J. B. Hendry, Jr., offers \$1.00 an acre per annum for a five year extension on his Grazing Lease No. 719 which expires June 1, 1955, covering land in Sections 25 and 34, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, and Sections 31, 32, 33 and 34, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County, containing 800 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Mr. Hendry and authorize five-year extension on the basis of rental offered.

The Trustees agreed to hold a hearing on this date to consider objections filed to sale of two parcels of submerged land in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, comprising 14.2 acres, more or less, in Sarasota County. The land was advertised for sale April 26, 1955 on application from Spencer A. Miller, Jr., and objections were filed by Reno deFrances.

Mr. Miller and his attorney, W. K. Whitfield of Tallahassee, and Mr. deFrances were present to be heard. The latter stated that he objected to the sale of the land on the grounds that extending the land out and building on it will interfere with his view out over the water; that if necessary he will get petitions from private parties on both sides of Mr. Miller's property objecting to the sale; that he has no objections to the sale of the parcel referred to as #2, but does object to sale of parcel #1.

Both parties displayed photographs showing the ownership of both parties, the type of buildings already constructed, and Mr. Miller pointed out on a map the area he desires to fill and the location from which the fill will be taken.

Mr. Wells stated that the County Attorney and one of the County Commissioners of Sarasota County came into his office recently and stated that they had no objections to the sale.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the area applied for by Mr. Miller in Tract #1 be cut back as at present it encroaches on the right of way of Intra-coastal Waterway; also that the area from which fill will be taken is in front of property of another party; that all the information requested when applications are made to purchase submerged land has not been furnished.

Governor Collins suggested that the Trustees agree to approve the application in respect to Tract No. 1, subject to realignment of the extremities of the area affected to conform with the policy of the Trustees, said exterior lines to be worked out with Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the suggestion of the Governor be approved as the action of the Trustees; that as to Tract #2, it be taken under ad-

visement without prejudice to renewal of the application at a later date.

Mr. Mayo excused from further attendance at the meeting.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests easement for Canal C-17 over submerged bottoms of Lake Worth in Section 16, Township 42 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, containing approximately 14 acres. It was explained that the easement will not interfere with riparian rights of upland owners.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for easement across the land described.

The Trustees deferred action on application from Lamar Johnson of West Palm Beach for contract and option to lease approximately 50,000 acres of state land in central-southern Florida for the purpose of exploring for heavy minerals. Applicant offers \$500.00 for the right to explore and prospect for the presence of minerals for a period of one year.

Mr. Elliot reported that at the meeting March 15, 1955, the Trustees authorized him to make a survey of certain lands in Everglades National Park for the National Park Service, the United States having agreed to reimburse the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for all costs of such survey; that the contract has been prepared between the Trustees and the United States covering reimbursement to Trustees, and another contract prepared between the Trustees and the Surveyor for execution of the survey; that both contracts have been examined and approved by Mr. Fred Burns of the Attorney General's office and are now ready for execution by the Trustees.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of both contracts, one between the Trustees and the United States Department of the Interior, providing for reimbursement to the Trustees of the cost of said survey, and the other between the Trustees and the Surveyor.

Okaloosa Island Authority makes application for permission to take material from Santa Rosa Sound to be used in filling low places on the island for improvements in connection with the Authority's work as authorized by Chapter 29336, Special Acts of 1953. The material is to be taken from an area approximately 250 feet each side of the Intracoastal Waterway through Santa Rosa Sound, near Fort Walton.

Applicants state the plan has been approved by the Mobile District office of the Corps of Engineers May 11, 1955.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Okaloosa Island Authority for taking the material requested.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a parcel of land applied for May 10, 1955, by Tom Handley. He offered \$300.00 an acre for approximately 15 acres in the Pelican Bay area, Palm Beach County, the land to be used as a borrow pit from which to take rock. Mr. Elliot stated that removal of the rock will destroy the land for all time, and recommends that the sale be reconsidered.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken May 10 on this sale and decline to sell the land for rock pit purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 875.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	466.66
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
Smith Motors Inc., Bristol, Indiana, Refund on Contract 19909	34.33
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	18.00
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.80
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	6.05
Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	406.45
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach, Fla., Appr.	25.00
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla., Appr.	190.00
Polk County Mortgage & Loan Co., Inc., Lakeland, Fla., Appr.	100.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., West Palm Beach, Appr.	75.00
Smith & Son, Lakeland, Fla., Appraisal	10.00
John D. Moriarty, Expenses	150.05
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla., Appraisal	230.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., Appraisal	175.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla., Appraisal	900.00
Southeastern Telephone Co.	118.55
DeLand Sun News	36.80
Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.28
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, School Fund	13,829.68
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, State Board of Conservation	10,184.66
Ray E. Green, Comptroller, For travel voucher	12.32

H. G. Morton, Expenses	650.77
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	14.97
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County	1.35
The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.75
Capital Office Equipment Co.	6.08
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando, Fla., Appraisal	200.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Appraisal	150.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., Appraisal	50.00
A. B. Fogarty, Appraisal	94.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Appraisal	101.37
U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.	1,440.76
Robert M. Angas and Associates, Jacksonville, Fla., Advance payment, survey E.N.P. lands	5,000.00
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	\$39,032.74

Financial Statements for the Month of April are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of April 1, 1955.....		\$382,970.41
Receipts for the month:		
Land Sales	\$49,784.07	
Interest on Contracts	17.22	
250 Interest Coupons, \$12.50 each, Jax. Expressway Revenue Certificates	3,125.00	
Quitclaim Deeds	546.00	
Grazing Lease	1,118.00	
Mineral Leases	476.00	
Campsite Leases	220.35	
Sand & Shell Leases	18,020.76	
Timber Leases	795.64	
Oil Leases	247.95	
General Leases	475.00	
Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes	4.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1955	74,829.99	74,829.99
GRAND TOTAL		457,800.40
Less Disbursements for April, 1955		307,520.73
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1955		150,279.67

Disbursements for Month of April, 1955

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
4-7-55	283298	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer ...\$	10,546.36
4-8-55	286513	Southeastern Telephone Co.	80.50
	286514	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.85
	286515	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.89
	286516	Earl R. Adams, CCC	3.20
	286517	Dorothy Pierce, CCC	1.75
	286512	Sinclair Wells	129.19
4-7-55	284586	Harry M. McWhorter.....	60.00
	284587	George F. Brass	50.00
	284588	Sarasota Appraisal Service	40.00

4-18-55	298109	A. B. Fogarty	107.50
	298110	Sarasota Appraisal Service	65.00
	298111	Shell Oil Co.	22.47
	298112	Western Union Telegraph Co.	10.94
	298114	D. T. Farabee, CCC	1.80
	298113	Ed Scott, CCC	2.90
	298115	Frank H. Marks, CCC	2.23
	296329	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State School Fund	23,794.47
	296328	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board Conservation	9,925.41
4-20-55	301454	Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector	390.41
4-22-55	303607	Capital Paper Co.	11.12
	303608	Rose Properties	254,600.00
4-21-55	302706	West Coast Inland Navigation Dist....	1,500.00
4-28-55	309601	F. C. Elliot	19.88
	309602	City of Pahokee	1,312.50
4-30-55	274063	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	274064	H. G. Morton	492.15
	274065	A. R. Williams	432.88
	274066	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	274067	W. R. Culbreath	25.31
	274068	M. O. Barco	373.95
	274069	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	274070	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	274071	W. Howell	330.95
	274072	C. E. Halley	339.25
	274073	S. Wells	213.75
	274074	C. M. Greene	47.50
	274075	R. N. Landers	26.13
	274076	Blue Cross of Florida.....	23.15
	274077	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	274078	Professional Life Insurance Co.	5.25
	274079	State Retirement	220.92
	274080	Federal Tax	611.40
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL, 1955			\$307,520.73

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1955	\$13,116.98
Receipts for the Month:	
April 22, 1955—	
Pinellas County Commissioners	700.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$13,816.98

Disbursements:

April 30 — 310601	U. S. Geological Survey	5,620.60
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1955		8,196.38

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

April 1, 1955	\$3,349.30
April 16, 1955	1,084.25
April 16, 1955 — Oil Lease	331.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	4,764.55
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

4-30-55	267663	E. Hewitt	360.97
	267664	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	267655	Prudential Life Ins. Co.	7.75
	267666	State Retirement	21.37
	267667	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1955	\$ 733.73
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot submitted Report 606 listing 16 regular bids covering sale of Murphy Act lands; also Polk County Deed No. 956-Duplicate to Harvey L. Henderson issued in lieu of Deed No. 956 dated February 16, 1942, to same grantee, said original deed reported lost before having been recorded.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 606 and authorize execution and delivery of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Citrus County, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates do not vest any title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	79.75
Total	\$813.48

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 24, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that two oil and gas leases are advertised to receive competitive bids on this date as follows:

On March 29, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Commonwealth Oil Company to lease Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, of Section 3, Township 36 South, Range 33 East, and S1½ of Section 31, Township 35 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County, containing 521.92 mineral acre interest. The lease was advertised for sealed competitive bids in the Okeechobee News April 22, 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 1955, and in the Tallahassee Democrat on April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with bids to be opened on this date. Copy of the notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out the description of the land to be leased and the only bid submitted was \$521.92 from Commonwealth Oil Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Commonwealth Oil Company and authorize issuance of lease in the usual form requiring royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental, increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years; said lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

On April 12, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Humble Oil and Refining Company to lease the NE¼ of NE¼ and the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 14 West, in Washington County. Lease was advertised for sealed competitive bids in the Chipley News, Chipley, Florida, and in the Tallahassee Democrat, Tallahassee, Florida, on April 21, 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with bids to be opened on this date. Copy of notices and proofs of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land to be leased and submitted a bid of \$415.00 from Humble Oil & Refining Company, which was the only bid received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Humble Oil & Refining Company and authorize lease in the usual form, requiring royalty payments of one-eighth in kind or in value and the amount of \$1.00 per acre annual rental, increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, said lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

PINELLAS COUNTY—The Trustees on April 19, 1955, considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from C. I. Carey, the upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to the north 225 feet of Government Lot 2 of said Section 12, containing 1.57 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 22, 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 1955, with sale to be considered on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale and that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has released this parcel from the freeze order applicable to certain areas in Boca Ciega Bay.

Discussion was had as to how releases of certain areas will affect future applications and also in view of pending legislation affecting Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that this sale be held up for the present.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 12, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from E. William Gautier on behalf of Floreco Crab Co., Inc., adjoining upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block "B" of Turgot Terrace Subdivision, and Lot 12 of Mendell's Subdivision containing in the aggregate 2.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on April 22, 29, May 6, 13 and 20, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Floreco Crab Co., Inc., at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre—which is the appraised value.

Marion G. Denton offers \$15.00 an acre for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 an acre.

The State Road Department makes application for a portion of Ward Creek bottom lands, bounded easterly by Government Lot 1 and westerly by Government Lot 2, in Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Jefferson County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel requested in favor of the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action, pending securing of appraisals, on applications from J. W. McLaughlin and J. Thomas Herndon for purchase of land in Seabreeze Estates, Broward County, at a price of \$300.00 an acre.

The following offers were presented for lake bottom land in Orange County:

G. B. Fishback, on behalf of E. B. Conoley and wife, offers \$300.00 an acre for 2.47 acres in Lake Conway, in Section 17, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, adjacent to his upland property;

G. B. Fishback, on behalf of Glen Henson, offers the appraised price of \$2,950.00 for 84 acres in Lake Hart, Section 15, Township 24 South, Range 31 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers for the lake bottom land in Orange County, and authorize conveyance without advertisement.

The following applications were presented for purchase by adjoining owners of the submerged areas in front of property of each:

1. Monroe County—W. A. Parrish on behalf of Dr. E. Romle Romine, offers the appraised price or \$247.00 per acre for 2 acres adjacent to upland in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

2. Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Harrison A. Smith, offers the appraised price or \$250.00 an acre for 0.6 of an acre adjacent to his upland in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

3. Palm Beach County—Andrew F. McConnell, on behalf of Henry M. Merkel, Jr., and Evelyn B. Merkel, offers the appraised price or \$135.00 for 0.18 of an acre adjacent to their upland property in Harbor Estates, Section 22, Township 45 South, Range 43 East;

4. Palm Beach County—Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Bucky and Carmen Harris, offers the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre for 1.95 acres adjacent to their upland property in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 43 East;

5. Palm Beach County—Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Edmund Sheedy, applies to purchase 1.53 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Recommend sale at the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre;

6. Palm Beach County—Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of Spelman Prentice, makes application to purchase 3.28 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East;

7. Palm Beach County—George S. Brockway, on behalf of clients, applies to purchase so-called bottom lands in Boca Ratones Lagoon, in Township 47 South, Range 43 East. Recommend sale at the appraised price of \$500.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the 7 parcels applied for by upland owners, based on the offers and recommendations made for the land.

Mr. Wells requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken last week on application of Tom Handley, with offer of \$300.00 an acre for 15 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and in Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. The superintendent of the Belle Glade Prison Farm has stated that the land is worthless for farming and that if the parcel is sold to Mr. Handley the Prison Farm will be allowed to take whatever amount of rock that may be needed without cost.

Mr. Elliot submitted a plat showing the location of the land and its elevation compared with adjacent areas, and stated that when he learned that the land was to be used as a rock pit, he called it to the Trustees' attention, as the purpose for which it would be used would destroy the land for all time.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken May 17, 1955, and authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$300.00 an acre.

James W. Moore, on behalf of owners of Ragged Keys Nos. 1 through 5, makes application to purchase the submerged lands surrounding said keys in Township 56 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Mr. Wells stated that he has received an appraisal of \$180.00 an acre for the land and recommends advertisement for objections only based on that price.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the submerged areas advertised

for objections only conditioned upon applicant's agreeing to pay the appraised price of \$180.00 an acre.

Joe Kelleher, on behalf of client, offers \$15.00 an acre for Lot 2, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, Volusia County.

Mr. Wells reported an appraisal of \$100.00 an acre on the land. Mr. Kelleher stated that his client will not pay that much and asked that the land be advertised for competitive bids based on his offer.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Land Agent write the appraiser and ask that he explain how he arrived at the appraisal.

In view of a few cases where the Trustees have reduced the appraisal submitted, it was suggested that since there appears to be no development going forward in this locality, the Trustees authorize the land advertised with a starting bid of \$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to bid not less than \$50.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees May 10, 1955, he has received an appraisal of \$5000.00 on 310 acres and \$200.00 for 26.02 acres of land in Hillsborough Bay in unsurveyed Sections 4, 5 and 6 of Township 30 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County. These lands were involved in a 1929-1930 transaction with American Cyanamid Company, which transaction was never completed. The said company attempted to transfer title to Henry Toland and associates and they in turn conveyed a portion of the area to Tampa Electric Company. Mr. Toland has agreed to pay \$500.00 for approximately 165 acres.

The case as submitted at recent meetings was reviewed as well as statements made to the board and to individual members and correspondence had with Mr. Toland.

The appraisal submitted on the land was discussed and the Trustees could not reconcile the difference in value placed on the parcel conveyed to Tampa Electric Company as compared with the 310 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees request another appraiser to place a value on the land involved.

Mr. Wells presented as information a resolution adopted by the City of Gulfport, Florida, asking that no further sales of submerged land be made in that area of Boca Ciega Bay, bounded by Gulfport on the North, St. Petersburg on the East, Maximo Channel on the South, and the Holiday Isles on the West, except with governmental jurisdiction in the interest of general welfare.

The resolution was ordered filed as information for future reference.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of E. P. Sadowski, upland owner, makes application to purchase 102 acres of bay bottom land in Sections 4, 5 and 8, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County, for which he offers \$50.00 an acre. Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for objections only on the basis of \$100.00 an acre.

Representative Bernie C. Papy of Key West came before the Trustees and urged that the price be reduced to \$50.00 an acre as it will be an expensive operation to fill the bottoms and construct a causeway from the mainland.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the area for objections only conditioned upon applicant making an offer of \$100.00 an acre for the bay bottoms.

W. R. Culbreath, on behalf of Arthur DesRocher, makes application for a two-year extension of Sand Lease No. 655 which expires July 14, 1955.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees extend Lease No. 655 for a period of two years from its expiration date, subject to all the terms and conditions in the present lease.

Without objection the Trustees postponed consideration on the following applications:

Application from Lamar Johnson for exploration contract to explore State lands in central south Florida for heavy minerals in an area comprising approximately 50,000 acres, and option to lease certain areas;

Application from Turner & Hodson to purchase at a price of \$250.00 approximately one-half acre of land in Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Letter was submitted from Coral Cove, Inc., with reference to submerged areas in Sarasota County, applied for by S. A. Miller, requesting that the Trustees withhold further action on the proposed land sale until the latter part of August, at which time upland owners to the south of the property applied for will return from Europe.

The matter was ordered held in abeyance until August as requested by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Elliot reported as information on two bills pending in the Legislature as follows:

Senate Bill No. 1112 by Senator Connor, 9th District, which prohibits obstructing the flow of water, or raising or lowering the level of any lake or river, or other flowing water, or any navigable body in Citrus County, except with permis-

sion of the Board of County Commissioners, subject to approval from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

House Bill No. 1515—Affecting Brevard County only. Declares all beaches in the county to be public highways, with authority in Board of County Commissioners to fix speed limits.

Attorney General Ervin stated that Senate Bill No. 1112 was a good bill and should become a law in order to protect the lakes in that area.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 607, listing Hillsborough County Deed No. 535-Duplicate to Johanna Pfisterer; Broward County Deed No. 3139EDDJ-Corrective to Michael J. Carelli, and Duval County Deed No. 3061-Corrective to Mattie L. Forrester, and others, as heirs of Joseph I. Forrester, said deeds having been approved for issuance by the Attorney General's office; also thirty-eight (38) quitclaim deeds releasing right of way reservations for state roads in original deeds, all approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 607 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Reconsideration was requested on Citrus County application by Audrey Z. Langner for conveyance under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953. The application was denied at the meeting May 10, 1955, but additional evidence of title has been furnished and it is now recommended that conveyance be made for a consideration of \$10.00 an acre. The offer made by applicant is \$90.00 for land described as Government Lot 4, less 10 acres on west side and less 30 acres on east side, containing 18.23 acres in Section 22, Township 20 South, Range 20 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken May 10, 1955, on application from Audrey Z. Langner, and agree to convey the parcel of Citrus County land under Chapter 28317, upon payment of \$10.00 an acre.

Dixie County—W. F. Howell of Branford, Florida, offers \$200.00 for conveyance of the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 13 East, containing 40 acres. Conveyance is requested under provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953. The Secretary recommended conveyance at a price of \$15.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land applied for by Mr. Howell provided he will make an offer of \$15.00 an acre.

St. Johns County—The State Road Department offers \$1295.00 for 250 lots in Blocks 6, 7, 11 and 12, Hilden Subdivision in Section 13, Township 5 South, Range 28 East, and lots in Blocks "E", "F", 41 and 42 Woodland Heights Subdivision in Section 41, Township 5 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lots in St. Johns County applied for by the State Road Department.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 31, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Senator Wm. R. Neblett of Key West, Florida, presented application for purchase of a mangrove area off Roosevelt Boulevard, City of Key West, on which to make a fill and construct a new Elks Club building. The parcel desired is approximately 400 feet by 800 feet, containing about 8 acres. The central portion of the parcel is mangrove and suitable for filling. The County Commissioners of Monroe County have adopted a resolution approving the improvement. The city has not objected to this particular sale but several years ago protested to the Trustees the sale of any property adjoining Roosevelt Boulevard and the Trustees granted the request.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that Senator Neblett secure a resolution from the city as to whether they approve the application and will release the area from the withholding action of the Trustees. It was suggested that the matter be passed temporarily until it can be discussed with the city.

Governor Collins requested that the Elks Club submit their application to the Trustees and give consideration to including more

detail of their proposal, with more specific restrictions than outlined as some Elks operate projects for various purposes.

Senator Neblett stated that he would take the matter up and have the suggestions of the Trustees incorporated in the proposal to be presented later.

Mr. Bernie Papy appeared before the Trustees and objected to sale of the property to the Elks Club.

The following applications were presented from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged areas:

Pinellas County—Mrs. L. A. Pastor offers the appraised value of \$100.00 for 0.5 of an acre adjacent to her upland property in Shores Subdivision, Bay Section, Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East;

Pinellas County—Robert A. James offers the appraised value of \$250.00 an acre for 13.9 acres in Tampa Bay, adjacent to his upland property in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 16 East;

Pinellas County—A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Curtis W. Bowman, et ux., offers the appraised value of \$100.00 for purchase of 0.34 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East;

Collier County—Elisha Turner offers the appraised value of \$500.00 an acre for 4.40 acres and 1.54 acres of submerged land in Naples Bay adjacent to his upland property in Section 10, Township 50 South, Range 25 East;

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the four (4) parcels described for objections only based on offers submitted.

Mr. Wells reported that on April 19, 1955, the Trustees approved application from J. B. Rodgers, Jr., to purchase 13.9 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Apopka, Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Orange County, on the basis of \$300.00 an acre. The applicant objected to the price and upon securing an appraisal the value was given as \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells explained that the price of \$300.00 an acre was based on prices received for land on Lake Conway; however Lake Apopka is not located within a city like Lake Conway is.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre for the land applied for by Mr. Rodgers, sale to be without advertisement.

Mr. Wells advised the Trustees that in August 1953, during the time he was ill, Deed No. 20475 was issued to Victor Browning con-

veying 0.19 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County. The deed was issued at the usual rate of \$300.00 an acre, but through omission the sale was not approved at a regular meeting of the Trustees. He now requests confirmation of the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm August 1953 sale in favor of Victor Browning covering land conveyed by Deed No. 20475.

The State Road Department makes application for right of way across that portion of Palm River bottom lands in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 29 South, Range 19 East, lying westerly of and within seventy (70) feet of the survey line, and easterly of and within ninety (90) feet of the survey line of State Road No. 45—Sec. 1006, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way easement to the State Road Department covering the parcel in Hillsborough County as described.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, makes application for 0.33 of an acre of submerged land in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, to be used for public road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only.

Mr. Wells reported that pursuant to instructions from the Trustees he wrote the Key West Board of Realtors with reference to sending an appraiser to Tallahassee and has received a reply to the effect that their board will meet June 21 and will select a member to come to Tallahassee. Mr. Wells further stated that he plans on making a trip to Key West within the next week or two, and if the Trustees desire he could take the matter up with the appraiser while he is down there.

The Trustees requested Mr. Wells to take the matter up while he is in Key West and acquaint the man selected with the manner in which the Trustees desire appraisals made and the points to be considered in making appraisals for the state.

Mr. George S. Brockway, on behalf of Southlake Corporation, makes application to purchase 6.28 acres of submerged land in Sections 10 and 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, and has agreed to pay the appraised price for the land.

Mr. Wells recommended that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, subject to appraisal being made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the appraisal be made first and brought back to the Trustees for action.

Mr. Robert A. McClung and Mr. Al J. Cone appeared before the Trustees with reference to application to purchase approximately 53 acres of submerged land in Township 43 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, located on Lake Worth.

Mr. Cone stated that the proposal was to purchase the submerged land from the state with the approval of the City of West Palm Beach; that they plan to build a municipal auditorium, provide recreation areas containing two swimming pools, all without cost to the city.

The Trustees desired information as to the attitude of the adjacent land owners as it was understood some were protesting the sale. The applicants were advised that it would be necessary for the Trustees to have information as to the attitude of the city officials and the public generally. The case of the Dade County Causeway, proposed to be constructed by private parties, was cited as an example of how careful the Trustees need to be in order to protect public interest.

Governor Collins and the Attorney General expressed the view that before the Trustees can take action on the application, it will be necessary to have a prepared proposal submitted giving a detailed analysis of the plans to be carried out, what will be expected of the Trustees, evidence of concurrence by the city, that the project seems to have considerable merit but there is legal procedure to be considered.

Mr. Cone stated that they felt assured of the city's concurrence in the plan and they would like to go ahead and start public hearings to ascertain the attitude of the public in the proposed plans.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that in view of the time element, if the city will adopt a resolution requesting that the sale be made, the Trustees will get an appraisal of the land and have it advertised for objections only, setting out in the advertisement that it will be sold to the city with a clause that it is needed for this development, reserving the right in the Trustees to reject the sale.

Mr. Larson suggested that the applicants furnish the Trustees with the name of the developers whom they represent, with information regarding the plans for developing the land, and the financing of the project, so that the Trustees will know that it will be carried out, all of which is to be made a part of the records of the Trustees.

Mr. Cone stated that his clients will submit the plans as requested, get the resolution from the city approving the plan and start the public hearings to let the people know what they propose to do.

Mr. Cone was advised that the first thing to be done was to secure a resolution from the City Commissioners approving the plan before

the advertisement can be started; that any advertisement will not obligate the Trustees, but is merely to explore the situation.

Mr. Elliot called attention to Senate Bill No. 1164 and companion measure House Bill No. 1625, approved by the Trustees recently. The measure has passed the Senate and is now on the House Calendar, but if not advanced will not get action this session. The measure requires no appropriation and is not controversial. It provides for topographic surveys to be made by the Federal Government with the State Road Department, Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund participating in the costs.

Mr. Elliot was requested to prepare a letter addressed to the Chairman of the Rules Committee in the House, explaining that no appropriation will be required and that it is a non-controversial measure, furnishing each member of the Trustees with copy of the letter to which the members will attach a note asking for advancement of the measure to the Special Order Calendar.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 608 listing twenty-five (25) regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land, and fifteen (15) quitclaim deeds approved by the State Road Department for releasing road right of way reserved in original deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 608 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Mr. Elliot recommended modification of a rule fixed by the Trustees, having reference to releasing oil and mineral reservations in land conveyed under Chapter 18296, where said land is located outside of a municipality. The rule now applicable requires that a building be erected on each parcel, not to exceed one (1) acre. This works a hardship where there are a number of small parcels 25 by 50 feet, the total not exceeding one acre. The suggested modification would be to include the words, "or several contiguous parcels not exceeding in the aggregate 1 acre."

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the modification as recommended by Mr. Elliot and that the same become a part of the rules governing release of oil and mineral rights.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against Murphy Act land in Bay and Taylor counties, the Attorney General's Office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the state to the lands covered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
June 7, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary

Mr. Elliot reported that exchange instrument by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials has been examined by the Attorney General's office and approved as to form. The Trustees on April 12, 1955, agreed to concur in an exchange of certain land in Hillsborough County between the Park Board and Warner E. and Dorothy C. Grable, and the instrument is now ready for execution. The land comprises 15 acres in Section 35, Township 27 South, Range 20 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the exchange instrument referred to.

The Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials requests that the Trustees withdraw from sale submerged land in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, Martin County, and retain the land in public ownership. The parcel described is adjacent to Jonathan Dickinson State Park, and it would be desirable to have it remain in its present status.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the Park Board and withdraw the land from sale indefinitely.

Letter from the City of Gulfport, Florida, to Governor Collins was discussed, having reference to protests from the City to proposed improvements by Mr. Al W. Furen in the locality of Cats Point Bank in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County.

Plats of the area involved were displayed and Mr. Elliot pointed out the area sold to Mr. Furen in 1952 for his client, John D. Ful-

ford, and explained restrictions contained in the contract providing for openings through the land to be filled and channels to such openings paralleling the north side of the fill. Other contracts were issued in 1953 but they do not contain restrictions or conditions. The later contracts are in conflict with the first. Mr. Elliot stated that plans can be developed in such way that no damage will be done and no bad effect will result in the flow of water, tidal water, or stagnant pools; that the City of Gulfport can be advised that plans for the improvement have not been submitted to the Trustees, but when they are the Trustees will examine the same to see that the flow of water will not be disadvantageously affected; also the City of Gulfport will have opportunity to be heard before final action is taken.

Governor Collins suggests that Mr. Elliot write the City that their protest was presented to the Trustees. The purchasers of the area in question are proceeding based on contracts entered into in past years, but there is no authority to do any work until plans are submitted to the Trustees; that when submitted the Trustees will give them attention, and the City of Gulfport will be given opportunity to be heard.

The Trustees discussed what steps will be necessary to provide protection for the ebb and flow of water in those areas where fills are proposed. It was stated that through cooperation with the United States Engineer Office the filling of submerged lands can be controlled so that the public will be protected.

Mr. Larson suggested that Mr. Elliot prepare a memorandum for the Trustees, showing all the transactions or agreements with Mr. Furen and the understanding as to provision for openings and waterways for protection of other people's holdings.

Without objection it was agreed that Mr. Elliot write the City of Gulfport along the line suggested by the Governor and also prepare a memorandum setting forth those things discussed.

Consideration was given to application postponed at May 24th meeting from Thomas H. Hodson with offer of \$250.00 for approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre of land in Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, being a strip 90 feet by 240 feet bordering the west side of Florida East Coast Railway at Florida City. Mr. Elliot stated that the parcel is suitable for warehouse, packing house or other commercial purposes and he would recommend advertisement for competitive bids if the applicant will agree to offer not less than \$400.00 as a starting bid. Title to the land came to the Trustees under Chapter 14717—the Everglades Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the application be held in abeyance pending investigation by the Commissioner of Agriculture as to possible need of this parcel for use in connection with the Farmers Market.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District makes application for right of way easement over a parcel of reclaimed lake

bottom land in Lake Okeechobee in Fractional Section 25, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. The easement is desired in connection with construction of Levee L-14 Hillsboro Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the Flood Control District for use of the land described.

Mr. Elliot reported that his attention has been called to difficulty in checking sale of fill material taken from submerged bottoms to be used for building up submerged land; that permission to remove fill material and the money collected therefor is usually done by letter without preparation of a sales record. This results in inconvenience in accounting for and identifying amounts paid. It would be helpful if the sale of fill material be handled in like manner as land sales, giving the transaction an identifying number and tabulating it for record. In examining the accounts of the Trustees, the State Auditor could then check amounts against the record with less loss of time, and more conveniently, than examining the letter files or other memorandum of the transaction. This procedure is recommended by the State Auditor.

Without objection it was ordered that procedure as outlined be adopted.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 609 listing 21 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also 1 quitclaim deed to Victor L. Baker and Loyal W. Baker, sons of Clara B. Baker, involving lands conveyed by Dade County Deed No. 3024 dated February 23, 1945, to Clara B. Baker as Executrix of the Estate of John T. Baker; also Manatee County Deed No. 897-Corrective to A. L. Zipperer, and Polk County Deed No. 1927-Corrective to Paul Smith Construction Company, said deeds having been approved for execution by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 609 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Request was presented from Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County recommending reduction in base bid for advertising Lots 6, 7 and 8, Block 4, Holt's Addition to Newberry, Florida, with statement that these lots were assessed in 1954 at \$100.00 for the three. Mr. Elliot recommends that the lots be advertised with a base bid of \$100.00 provided applicant will bid in the three (3) lots.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the lots described with base bid of \$100.00, provided applicant will take all three lots.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 14, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated May 17, 24, 31 and June 7, 1955, with statement that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented a number of sales advertised to be held on this date as follows:

ESCAMBIA COUNTY—On April 19, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from W. W. Whitten, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of filled land in Bayou Chico, being the northwest corner of Lot 7, Block 15, Petterson Addition, lying and being in Township 2 South, Range 30 West, comprising 0.3 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the area for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Pensacola Journal on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Whitten at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Adrian S. Bacon on behalf of Lewis Island Corp., which is the appraised value, for purchase of three parcels of submerged land adjoining applicant's upland property, described as follows:

Parcel No. 1—Lying in Big Bayou westerly of and adjacent to Government Lot 4, Section 31, Township 31 South, Range 17 East, containing 4.9 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 2—Lying in Big Bayou north of and adjacent to Government Lots 4 and 5, containing 5.7 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 3—Lying in Tampa Bay in Section 5, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, lying east of and adjacent to the North 2360 feet of said Section 5, containing 78 acres, more or less.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells submitted objections to the sale of parcels 1 and 2 from George W. Bartlett, Paul R. and Ruth Hulquist, Allan G. Goranson and Big Bayou Association; also, by telephone, protest from Lee Ballard as to Parcels 1 and 2. Appraised value of the land is \$200.00.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bacon's client to Parcel No. 3, located in Tampa Bay, at a price of \$200.00 an acre.

Upon consideration of objections to sale of Parcels 1 and 2, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action be deferred and a hearing held on a date to be fixed for consideration of objections filed.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On May 5, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 from John Stuart, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, in Section 3, Township 23 South, Range 16 East, lying southeasterly of and across Bay Shore Drive from Lots 6 and 7, Block D of Washington-Brennan Subdivision, containing 0.57 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Stuart at the price offered, \$125.00 an acre, which is the appraised value.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 19, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Jack Holton, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay in Sections 9 and 10, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, containing 4¼ acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the

land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

The land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that the offer is equal to the appraised value of the land, and the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County have written releasing this parcel from the freeze order.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on this application.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On April 19, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from Roy Surles, on behalf of clients, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Sections 15 and 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to the South 936.1 feet of the North 3629.7 feet of Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, containing 16 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale, subject to objections only as required by law and notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Surles' clients at the price offered—\$125.00 an acre, which is the appraised value placed on the land.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On May 5, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Harry A. Johnston, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, parcel #1 containing 10.748 acres, more or less, and Parcel #2 containing 10 acres, more or less. The land is separated from the upland by a channel five feet deep at high tide. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that he has a telegram from J. L. Wood, Chairman of Palm Beach Shores Property Owners Association, and one from John A. Paul, Town Attorney of Palm Beach Shores, encouraging the sale to Palm Beach County.

C. Robert Burns presented verbal objections to the sale on behalf of alleged upland owners.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on this sale pending further investigation.

COLLIER COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from James Carr, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of Government Lot 15, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 13.6 acres, more or less, according to Government Survey approved January 6, 1877. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Applicant has offered in excess of the appraised value of the land. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Carr at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$179.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boot Key Harbor in Sections 10 and 15, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying northerly of Government Lots 3, 4 and 5 of said Section 15, containing 97 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizens on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Switlik at the price offered—\$179.00 an acre which is the appraised value of the land.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$189.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Lottie Switlik, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico in Sections 26 and 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, lying northerly and westerly of and adjacent to Government Lot 3 of said Section 26 and Government Lot 1 of said Section 35, containing 9.3 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that the price offered is equal to the appraised value.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on the sale be postponed for securing further information.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 5, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised value, from D. W. Johnson and A. E. Driscoll, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida in Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, containing 4.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land, subject to objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Johnson and Driscoll at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised value, from William R. Neblett, on behalf of Norberg Thompson Estate, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Cow Key Channel, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 20 acres, more or less, excepting therefrom any portion of that island known as Thompson's Island. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land subject to objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Neblett's clients at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$133.00 an acre, which is the appraised value, from W. A. Parrish on behalf of himself and Mary E. Parrish, his wife, and S. Black and Myrtice Black, his wife, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boot Key Harbor in Sections 16 and 17, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying north of and adjacent to Government Lots 1 and 4 of said Section 16, and Government Lot 2 of said Section 17, containing 215 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees

tees confirm sale in favor of clients of Mr. Parrish at the price offered—\$133.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$377.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Joseph and Josephine Giovannielli, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, in Section 20, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, lying north of Government Lot 5 in said Section 20, containing 2.2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice was published in the Key West Citizen on May 13, 20, 27, June 3 and 10, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of clients of Mr. Parrish at the price offered—\$377.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the following applications be held for further information:

C. I. Carey—Application to purchase submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to his upland property; and Mrs. Frances Card—Application to purchase 0.4 of an acre of submerged land in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, adjacent to her upland property. Applicant offers the appraised value of \$100.00 for the parcel.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged lands:

1. Volusia County—J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Anna Nast, offers the appraised value of \$120.00 for 0.6 of an acre in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East;
2. Volusia County—J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Thomas Mercadante, makes application to purchase 3.2 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East. Appraised value of \$120.00 an acre is recommended for this parcel;
3. Monroe County—R. W. Craig offers \$1000.00 an acre for a small parcel of submerged land 20 by 400 feet, adjacent to his upland property in Section 30, Township 64 South, Range 36 East. Mr. Craig has secured from the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials a resolution divesting itself of any claim of interest in this parcel.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees advertise for objections the submerged areas described in the three applications based on the offers made and recommended.

West Palm Beach Water Company offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2.89 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Mangonia, Section 5, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, and \$250.00 an acre for 5.35 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 9, Township 43 South, Range 43 East, all in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers for the land described and authorize sale without advertising in favor of West Palm Beach Water Company.

O. S. Thacker, on behalf of Roy C. Graves, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Tohopekaliga, Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, Osceola County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre and authorize conveyance in favor of Mr. Graves without advertisement.

T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of the Church of the Assembly of God, makes application for conveyance of Lots 1 to 5 inclusive, Lots 8, 9 and 12, Block 10, Wrights First Addition, in Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Mr. Wells recommends that these lots be released from the withdrawal order of November 23, 1954, and conveyed to the church without cost, the Trustees reserving 100% of the oil and minerals.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lots described to the Church of the Assembly of God, without cost, reserving 100% of the oil and minerals.

Martin J. Bowen offers \$100.00 an acre for Lot 6, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, Collier County.

Mr. Wells reported that land adjacent to this lot was recently appraised at \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids on the basis of \$100.00 an acre as the starting bid.

The City of Manalapan requests conveyance without cost of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 15, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees do not own the land desired, same being held in the State. He recommends that the Trustees donate to the city the necessary fill material under provisions of

Section 271.01, after which the Trustees will quitclaim the area to the city.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees donate the fill material and issue quitclaim deed in favor of the City of Manalapan to the land applied for, the land to be used for public purposes only.

Mr. Wells reported that he went to Tampa and viewed the tract of land involved in the application from Henry Toland for purchase of bay bottom land in Tampa Bay, the same land covered under 1929-1930 agreement with American Cyanamid Company; that an appraisal was recently made at a cost of \$500.00 and after personal examination he recommends a price of \$50.00 an acre for the 26 acres sold to Tampa Electric Company without further appraisal being made. Mr. Wells also recommends that Mr. Toland be allowed to purchase any part of the remainder of the 460 acres at a price of \$50.00 an acre; he has discussed this price with Mr. Toland and it is agreeable with him.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey to Mr. Toland and associates at a price of \$50.00 an acre the 26 acres which said parties have deeded to Tampa Electric Company; also that he be allowed to purchase any of the remaining area at the same price, all subject to advertisement for objections only.

A joint meeting of the Trustees and the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions was called and Secretary of State R. A. Gray was recorded present as a member of the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wallace Fields, on behalf of clients, makes application for an oil lease on approximately 375,000 acres of state land, in Broward and Palm Beach Counties, part owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and part by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions on behalf of the Seminole Indians. He offers twenty-five cents (25¢) per acre rental.

Mr. Wells reported that a wire has been received from K. A. Marmon, Superintendent of Seminole Indian Agency, stating that they have no objections to the lease.

Mr. Elliot called attention to Senate Bill No. 622 which appears to be in conflict with the act setting aside certain lands and placing title in the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions; also the bill does not repeal any sections in conflict therewith; that it is in conflict with the Oil Conservation Act in many sections; that it places upon the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions certain conditions which it is without authority to effectuate. He stated that the Bill has not become a law yet, and he has not had opportunity to examine all of its sections.

Mr. Fields stated that he has checked the law and does not believe there will be any conflict as to leasing of the area. He suggests that

authority be given to advertise the land and the matter be referred to the Attorney General for final approval before issuance of a lease.

Attorney General Ervin expressed the opinion that it will be all right to advertise for bids; that there is one feature he thinks should be brought out, which he discussed with Mr. Fields, and that is the large area involved, but after checking the statutes he finds no restriction as to limit of acreage; that his information is that oil exploration in Florida is at a low ebb and if this lease is granted the applicant will immediately start exploration and drilling of some kind; that he is in favor of the lease for the reason that it will mean more drilling in that area. If there is any conflict with the Oil Conservation Law, or the terms of other laws, that can be ascertained before the lease is granted.

Mr. Fields explained that the topography of the land made it necessary to have a large area; a considerable area is in jungle covered with water too shallow to barge in the equipment. He assured the Trustees that no municipalities or public beaches would be affected.

Attorney General Ervin was requested to check into the laws to ascertain whether there will be any conflict with present laws.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, authorizing advertisement of the land for lease so far as the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions is concerned. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorize advertisement of the land for lease subject to sealed competitive bids.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Board of Commissioners of Suwannee County, and other interested parties, that the Trustees construct a series of low-lift dams in the Suwannee River to a height of approximately twelve (12) feet, beginning a short distance upstream from Ellaville. A delegation from the county has discussed this matter with the Governor.

Without objection, consideration of the request was postponed until the next meeting.

Copy of letter from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to Comptroller Ray E. Green was presented stating that the Commission accepts the price of \$23,000.00 less a credit of \$4,716.67, or \$18,283.33, as the purchase price of property owned by the Commission on Lafayette Street south of the Mayo Building. On May 10, 1955, the Trustees authorized payment of \$18,283.33 for the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the sale be consummated upon approval of deed by the Attorney General.

United State Geological Survey requests that the Trustees continue participation in cooperative lake chain program and the Upper

Oklawaha Lakes gauging program. The total amount to be made available by the Trustees, including \$125.00 toward Lake Conway work, will be \$6,125.00. Local agencies in the area covered by the program will participate an estimated \$5,250.00 and the Federal Government will match the total of the state and local.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize continuance of the program on the basis as outlined.

Resolution was presented from Palm Beach County Resources Development Board requesting that the Trustees continue employment of Harley G. Morton, Fiber Technologist.

Mr. Elliot stated that since the work of Mr. Morton has not yet gone far enough to determine what may be expected of his services, it is suggested that his employment be continued for an additional six (6) months on the same basis to ascertain results of further investigation.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the services of Mr. Morton as Fiber Technologist be continued for an additional six months on the same basis as at present.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Fairchild Equipment & Airplane Corporation offers \$5.00 an acre for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953, of two (2) acres of the South 100 acres of Daniel Hurlbert Grant lying East of State Road No. 4, in Section 51, Township 6 South, Range 29 East, St Johns County.

Mr. Elliot stated that all requirements of the Act have been complied with and the application is in order; however, he recommends consideration of \$25.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that conveyance of the land be authorized provided applicant will make an offer of \$25.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates issued against land in Brevard, Citrus, Okaloosa and Taylor Counties as approved by the Attorney General's Office, for the reason that no title to the land vested in the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General-Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 21, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated May 10 and June 14, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

James Carr makes application to purchase Lot 6, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, Collier County, containing 12.13 acres, more or less. Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for competitive bids on the basis of \$100.00 an acre which is the appraised value placed on an adjacent lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, provided applicant will agree to offer \$100.00 an acre for the land as a starting bid.

W. Williamson offers the appraised value of \$10.00 an acre for thirty (30) acres of marsh lands in Sections 10 and 15, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on the offer of \$10.00 an acre from Mr. Williamson.

The Trustees on June 14, 1955, deferred action on sale of two parcels of submerged land in Big Bayou, Pinellas County, applied for by Adrian Bacon, on behalf of Lewis Island Corporation. Mr. Bacon requests that a hearing be held on the protests filed to the sale.

Without objection the Trustees agreed to have a hearing on June 28, 1955.

On May 24, and June 14, 1955, the Trustees postponed action on the following sales for land in Pinellas County advertised to be held on said dates:

C. I. Carey—Application for 1.57 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 12, Township 31 South, Range 16 East, with offer of \$300.00 an acre;

Jack Holton—Application for $4\frac{1}{4}$ acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Sections 9 and 10, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, with offer of \$250.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that the County Commissioners have recommended these two sales and no legislation was passed at the recent session of the Legislature affecting said lands.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sales in favor of Mr. Carey and Mr. Holton at the prices offered, subject to concurring approval of Comptroller Ray E. Green.

Mrs. Frances Card, adjacent upland owner, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 for 0.4 of an acre of submerged land in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for objections only as it is not within the area covered by the "freeze order".

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer of \$100.00 for the parcel.

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County asks that the Trustees grant the county the north 100 feet of Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, less the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of said section, Palm Beach County, for use as road right of way to connect State Road 717 and State Road 15. The Palm Beach County Board has agreed to move the Belle Glade Prison Farm pumping station, now located on the 100-foot strip, and also to relocate the existing ditch along a line just south of the proposed right of way.

Mr. Wells recommends that the request be denied as the county holds a right of way 46 feet wide and to make available the additional footage will inconvenience the Prison Farm and deprive it of the use of valuable land.

Mr. Mayo stated that Mr. Cliff Green, Superintendent at the Prison Farm, discussed the matter with him and advised against granting the additional right of way.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees deny request of Palm Beach County for the right of way applied for.

Jack G. Carr makes application for a lease to remove fourteen Spanish cannons and one anchor located approximately one-half mile off-shore at 35° Latitude and 20° Longitude, off Vero Beach, Florida, in eleven feet of water, Indian River County. Applicant offers \$100.00 for one year lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one-year treasure lease in favor of Mr. Carr upon payment of \$100.00.

E. P. Scarborough makes application for extension of five years on his Grazing Lease No. 741 which expires July 26, 1955, for which he offers fifty cents (50¢) an acre annual rental. The lease covers 220 acres in Sections 34 and 35, Township 39 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to extend the lease for a period of five years from July 26, 1955, with rental on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) an acre annually.

Commonwealth Oil Company requests permission to assign an undivided three-fourths interest in its Oil Lease No. 992 to Amerada Petroleum Corporation of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the request be granted and permission be given for assignment to Amerada Petroleum Corporation.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Land Office notify Richard H. Hunt that he may be heard by the Trustees June 28, 1955, in connection with Campsite Lease No. 624, which was issued to Leon Walker, but has apparently been abandoned by him.

J. W. McLaughlin and J. Thomas Herndon, on behalf of J. R. Jameson, have applied for deed to Lot 3, Block 2, and Lot A, Block 1, Seabreeze Estates, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. All parcels have previously been advertised for objections only. Mr. Wells stated that conveyance to applicant will perfect title to an area, practically all of which is accretion.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Mr. Jameson of the lots described on the basis of \$300.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells requested consideration of Farm Leases 715 and 716, known as Veterans Co-op Projects Nos. 1 and 2, involving state owned land in Palm Beach County. Information received is that very little of the land has ever been cultivated, and nothing on Project No. 1. Mr. Cliff Green, Belle Glade Prison Farm Superintendent, states that the Farm can use Section 21 to good advantage. Lessees are delinquent in lease payments and it is recommended that both leases be cancelled.

The Trustees discussed the condition of machinery and equipment purchased and installed by the Trustees on these projects for use of the veterans leasing the land, and it was suggested that it might be well to place all in the care of the Prison Farm. No action taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Leases 715 and 716, covering Projects 1 and 2.

Amerada Petroleum Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, makes application for a ten-year oil and gas lease on 25,671.78 mineral acres of state-owned land in Palm Beach County, according to list furnished the Land Department, the royalty for such lease to be one-eighth, with annual delay rentals to be fifty cents (50¢) per mineral acre for the net mineral acreage to be covered by the lease; said rentals to be increased 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years of the term of said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the lease for competitive sealed bids on the basis outlined.

Jack Holton makes application for a strip 25 feet wide each side of Finger No. 4 of a tract of submerged land owned by him. The purpose for the 25 feet is to grant a right of way to Pinellas County for a 100-foot right of way for roads instead of 50 feet.

Mr. Wells recommends that upon receipt of a letter from the county acknowledging these facts, the 25-foot strip be given each side, making a total of 50 feet to be granted to Mr. Holton for assignment as road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve conveyance of the strip to Mr. Holton, provided he will get written approval from Pinellas County Board.

Jack Holton made application for exchange of 19.6 acres of submerged land east of Government Lot 1, Section 4, and Government Lot 2, Section 5, Township 31 South, Range 15 East, for 14.5 acres owned by the Trustees in the same sections, township and range, in Pinellas County.

Mr. Wells stated that the proposal has been taken up with Mr. Fred Burns of the Attorney General's office and was approved by him. It was suggested that the request be granted conditioned upon Mr. Holton securing approval from the Board of County Commissioners for the proposed improvement.

No action was taken.

Mr. Wells asked if it was the desire of the Trustees that all applicants for purchase of submerged areas in Pinellas County first secure approval of the Board of County Commissioners for the proposed improvement to be made before presenting the application to the Trustees for action.

Without objection it was ordered that such approval be secured before application comes before the board for action.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, and other interested parties, that the Trustees construct a series of low-lift dams in the Suwannee River to a height of approximately 12 feet, beginning a short distance upstream from Ellaville. Mr. Elliot submitted various reports on this subject by Army Engineers, and rainfall records from the Water Survey and Research Division dating back to 1887, all of which were unfavorable except the report of 1887 and this was favorable only to a certain extent. Mr. Elliot has discussed the matter with State Geologist Herman Gunter and his assistant, Bob Vernon, and their views coincide with his that construction of the dams in the river would not raise the water table in wells of the county. It was the opinion of the Geology Department that the wells in the county would have to be deepened to get water. From a study of the formation of subterranean structure in that county all are in agreement that it is out of the question to get any benefit from raising the water in the river.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the matter be referred to the Water Resources Study Commission, established by the 1955 Legislature.

Mrs. J. B. Whitfield requests that the Trustees allow her till August 1, 1955, to vacate property recently acquired by the Trustees from the Whitfield Estate.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension till August 1, 1955, for Mrs. Whitfield to vacate the property owned by the Trustees.

On May 5, 1955, the Trustees had presented to them by Senator Joe B. Rood of Bradenton, and Mr. William Budd of Sarasota, a proposal for protection of beaches in the state from erosion.

Mr. Elliot reported that he felt the device demonstrated by Mr. Budd, the inventor, was worth the Trustees expending an amount sufficient to make an actual test on one of the beaches to see how it will work. He suggested that if the Trustees undertook the test, it should be done with the condition that if successful Mr. Budd shall reimburse the Trustees on a percentage basis from receipts of his device.

Mr. Elliot called attention to an appropriation out of the General Revenue Fund to the University of Florida, Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station, Special, Studies and Recommendations on Control of Beach Erosion, \$12,500.00 annually for two years; also, an appropriation of \$12,000.00 to Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund from the Internal Improvement Fund for experimentation on cost basis with beach erosion devices.

After discussion of the subject it was agreed, without objection, that the Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station of the University of Florida be requested to undertake the test; that the Experiment Station be advised of the appropriation out of the Internal

Improvement Fund of \$12,000.00 and that this amount will be made available as required with the definite understanding that the device invented by Mr. Budd shall be used in the experiment; that the Station deal with Mr. Budd and set up the experiment.

Mr. Elliot stated that the University of Florida Engineering and Industrial Experiment Station was the logical agency to conduct the experiment, and that he would like to watch its progress and keep a record of it.

Mr. Elliot called attention to request from Mr. Lamar Johnson for mineral sand lease covering approximately 50,000 acres of State land in the south central part of Florida; that his offer for the lease is on the basis of \$1.00 per ton, or two and one-half percent (2½ %) of the value, whichever be greater; that his application is for a two-year exploration period and five (5) years for mining and producing; that he offers \$1000.00 annually for the two-year exploration period; that at the end of the exploration term he would eliminate those areas found to be barren of minerals desired and take an exclusive lease on the remainder of the land.

Mr. Larson stated that he talked with Mr. Johnson about his proposal and suggested that he write a letter to the Trustees giving a description of the land, what his plan is, the extent of expenditures he is willing to make and what he is willing to do; that the Trustees have nothing tangible before them on which to commit themselves.

Mr. Mayo stated that he had made practically the same suggestion to Mr. Johnson that Mr. Larson did.

The Trustees requested that Mr. Johnson submit a letter outlining his plans and giving a description of the land which he desires to lease, along the lines suggested by Mr. Larson.

Mr. Elliot reported that there were receivable accounts carried on the books of the Trustees which should be charged off and requested instruction as to the following:

1. An item of \$600,000.00 for repairs to the Legislative quarters, air-conditioning and elevator for the north wing of the building, of which amount \$150,000.00 was appropriated by the 1951 Legislature from Trustees funds;
2. An item of \$1490.00 representing one-half the cost of a diesel engine installed at Project #2 for Pelican Bay Co-op Lease. Lessees agreed to reimburse Trustees one-half the cost of said engine, but payment has never been made and there seems to be no chance of collecting.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees do not charge off the item No. 1 for Capitol Building repairs, air-conditioning and elevator installation, but authorize Mr. Elliot to charge off the amount of \$1490.00 as diesel engine cost for which the Trustees have not been reimbursed.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that the "freeze order" on sale of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Pinellas County, from Honey-moon Key to Mullet Key, will expire June 22, 1955, and no request has been received for further extension. In view of expiration of the said order, sales in that area may be resumed.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 875.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	541.66
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	466.66
W. R. Culbreath, Attorney	180.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	475.00
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	416.66
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	306.24
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	400.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	400.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	225.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	50.00
R. N. Landers, Maid	27.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— To State School Fund	16,792.19
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer— To State Board of Conservation	8,505.27
Florida Legislative Reporters, Inc.	500.00
City of Pahokee—For Pahokee Breakwater Project..	2,100.00
Ray E. Green, State Comptroller—For travel vouchers, H. G. Morton and F. C. Elliot.....	67.69
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent.....	158.07
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach, Appraisal..	32.94
L. F. Pallardy, Tampa, Fla.—Appraisal	500.00
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando, Fla.—Appraisal.....	50.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., West Palm Beach, Fla.— Appraisal	50.00
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	108.45
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	10.94
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County.....	3.40
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	15.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.....	50.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 33,932.67

Financial Statements for the month of May, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1955 \$150,279.67

Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	\$65,536.44
Quitclaim Deeds	161.00
Advertising Refund	36.80

Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	2.00	
Tax Refunds	670.00	
Interest—F. S. I. C, Broward County.....	2,376.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	11,651.23	
Mineral Leases	150.00	
Grazing Leases	2,101.29	
Miscellaneous Leases	375.00	
Timber Leases	221.70	
Oil and Gas Leases	2,185.25	
Campsite Leases	150.00	
Total Receipts for Month of May, 1955.....	85,616.71	85,616.71
GRAND TOTAL		235,896.38
Less Disbursements for Month of May, '55		37,591.98
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1955.....		198,304.40

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5- 5-55	317162	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	\$ 25.00
	317163	A. B. Fogarty.....	190.00
	317164	Polk County Mortgage & Loan Co.	100.00
	317165	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	75.00
	317166	Smith & Son.....	10.00
	317167	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	18.00
	317168	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.....	2.80
	317169	Standard Oil Co.	6.05
	317170	The Geo. D. Barnard Co.	406.45
5- 9-55	320172	John D. Moriarty	150.05
5-11-55	323001	A. B. Fogarty	230.00
	323002	Anderson & Carr	175.00
	323003	E. D. Keefer	900.00
	323004	Southeastern Telephone Co.	118.55
	323005	DeLand Sun-News	36.80
	323006	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	6.28
	321928	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer...	10,184.66
5-12-55	323000	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	12.32
5-13-55	321927	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer.....	13,829.68
5-17-55	330914	Smith Motors, Inc.	34.33
5-23-55	337181	H. G. Morton	650.77
5-26-55	341703	Shell Oil Co.	14.97
	341704	Frank H. Marks, CCC	1.35
	341705	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.75
	341706	Capital Office Equipment Co.....	6.08
5-27-55	343502	George F. Brass	200.00
	343503	E. D. Keefer	150.00
	343504	Anderson & Carr	50.00
	343505	A. B. Fogarty	94.00
	343506	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	101.37
5-31-55	313905	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	313906	H. G. Morton	492.15
	313907	A. R. Williams	432.88
	313908	A. C. Bridges	358.86

313909	M. O. Barco	373.95
313910	J. L. Dedge	350.16
313911	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
313912	W. Howell	330.95
313913	C. E. Halley	339.25
313914	S. Wells	206.80
313915	C. M. Greene	47.50
313916	A. N. Landers	26.13
313917	Blue Cross of Florida	30.10
313918	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
313919	Professional Insurance Co.	5.25
313920	State Retirement	219.59
313921	Federal Tax	611.40
5-26-55 341707	Robert M. Angas & Associates.....	5,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1955		\$ 37,591.98

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1955	\$ 8,196.38
Receipts	0,000.00
Disbursements:	
May 27, 1955 373507 U. S. Geological Survey.....	1,440.76
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1955.....	\$ 6,755.62

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

May 2, 1955	\$ 6,822.51	
Less Returned Check	10.00	
Net		\$ 6,812.51
May 17, 1955	\$ 6,543.20	
Less Returned Check	39.75	
Net		6,503.45

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH..... \$13,315.96

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5- 5-55	316457	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	\$ 79.75
5-31-55	298420	E. Hewitt	360.97
	298421	M. C. Pichard	270.84
	298422	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	298423	State Retirement	21.37
	298424	Federal Tax	72.80

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH..... \$ 813.48

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented for approval Report No. 610 listing 33 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and the following deeds for correction of errors in original deeds, the Attorney General's office having approved issuance:

Broward County Deeds Nos. 1691-Cor. and 1720-Cor. to Alma B. Lyons.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 610 listing bids and correction deeds, and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Mrs. Sallie Edwards, on behalf of the Estate of C. H. Edwards, deceased, requests conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953 of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 21 East, containing 80 acres in Hernando County, and offers \$400.00 for the land. Information was furnished that applicants have paid taxes continuously except for the year 1925, which tax was paid during 1939, but subsequent to June 9. This prevented the case from coming within the purview of the Futch Acts.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$400.00 and authorize conveyance of the land described in favor of Mrs. Edwards, as administratrix, under provisions of Chapter 28317.

Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sumter County requests refund in favor of W. H. McKinney of \$60.00, representing payment for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 19 South, Range 21 East, Sumter County. Examination of the records shows that title to this land never vested in the state under the Murphy Act, but the land was owned by the Trustees under Chapter 610 and subsequently sold into private ownership. Mr. McKinney and wife have executed a quitclaim deed in favor of the Trustees' grantee, and it is recommended that refund warrant be issued.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of refund in amount of \$60.00 to Mr. McKinney for the reasons set forth.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates issued against land in Alachua and Santa Rosa Counties as approved by the Attorney General's office for cancellation.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$427.49
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	306.24

W. H. McKinney, c/o Clerk Circuit Court, Sumter County—Refund, M. A. Deed No. 70.....	60.00
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TOTAL.....	\$793.73

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
June 28, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated June 21, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held today:

BAY COUNTY—On May 10, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from L. G. Hester for purchase of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 2 South, Range 14 West, containing 80.08 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$10.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Panama City News Herald on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in an offer of \$30.00 an acre being received from Ollie Hobbs, which was the high bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$30.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hobbs.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On May 10, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Tom Handley for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Okeechobee, in Section 12, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, and Section 7, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, lying between State Road No. S-717 and the U. S. Government Levee and South of the East Shore Drainage District discharge canal, containing 15 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$300.00 an acre, and notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only offer received was \$300.00 an acre from Mr. Handley.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer of \$300.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Handley.

BREVARD COUNTY—On May 17, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Robert M. Avent, on behalf of Florida National Bank and Trust Company of Miami, Florida, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River in Section 35, Township 22 South, Range 35 East, and Section 1, Township 23 South, Range 35 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to said Section 35, and Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 of said Section 1, containing 1400 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Titusville Star Advocate on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. This land was appraised at \$10.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicant at a price of \$100.00 an acre.

POLK COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre for 9.8 acres, and \$50.00 an acre for 21 acres, from Roy Surles, on behalf of J. T. Coward, et ux., and C. V. McClurg, for purchase of a parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Bonny, in Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, lying easterly of Government Lot 1 of said Section 20, and lying adjacent to and around Blanton Island in said Lake Bonny, containing 43.3 acres, more or less, adjacent to upland property of applicants. The Trustees agreed to advertise the property for objections only and notice was published in the Lakeland Ledger on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Surles' clients at the price offered, which is the appraised value of the land.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On May 10, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of submerged land in Section 36, Township 30 South, Range 15 East, lying East of Cross Bayou Canal of the Pinellas Park Drainage District and adjacent to Fractional Section 36 of said township and range, and bounded on the north by 70th Avenue North extended, and on the South by 54th Avenue North extended, containing 150 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that the offer is equal to the appraised price and that the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County have released this application.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On May 17, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$700.00 an acre from Robert H. Matthews, on behalf of Robert Poland, et ux., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and across Riverside Drive from the South 99.58 feet, as measured along the westerly line of Riverside Drive, of the North 408.58 feet of the East 306.92 feet of Lot 22 Mendell's Subdivision, containing 0.96 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that the price offered is the appraised value of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and confirm the sale in favor of Mr. Poland, the adjacent upland owner.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On May 10, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from Frank B. Mitchell for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 34, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, lying westerly of a portion of the Lufberry Tract, containing 0.44 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. The offer submitted is the appraised value of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Mitchell, the adjacent owner, at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

COLLIER COUNTY—On May 17, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from William D. Hixon, on behalf of Robert L. Combs and Elmer Aldacosta, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land lying east of and adjacent to the east line of the Town of Naples, Florida, in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 25 East, containing 1.21 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Mr. Wells stated that the land was appraised at \$500.00 an acre.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicants at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from George A. Crawshaw, on behalf of William F. Stalcup, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Section 8, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Tract "B" of Plantation Beach on Plantation Key, containing 1.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees authorized the land advertised for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that the land was appraised at \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Stalcup at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 24, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski Corporation, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, in Sections 4, 5, 8 and 9, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Lot 3 of said Section 4, Lot 6 of said Section 5, and Lot 1 of said Section 8, containing 102 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of F. P. Sadowski Corporation at the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 17, 1955, the Trustees considered application from J. Y. Porter, on behalf of the City of Key West, for conveyance without consideration of a tract of bay bottom land in the Straits of Florida, south of and adjacent to South Roosevelt Boulevard, on the Island of Key West, in Township 68 South, Range 25 East, containing 110 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 27, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance in favor of the City of Key West, without cost, the deed to carry restriction that the parcel be used for a public beach.

The Trustees having agreed to hear Mr. Richard Hunt on this date in reference to Fishing Campsite Lease No. 624, Mr. Wells stated that Mr. Hunt was unable to be here today but asked for an appointment at some later date.

The Trustees asked Mr. Wells to arrange another date for Mr. Hunt to appear before the board.

Request was presented from C. M. Greene, Superintendent of Glades State Prison Farm, that the Prison Farm be allowed to use Section 21, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, known as Project No. 2, recently under lease to Veterans Co-operative Group.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Glades Prison Farm to use the land as requested by Mr. Greene.

T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, Florida, makes application to purchase Lots 5, 7 and 9 through 12, Block 13 of Wright's First Addition to the Town of Okeechobee, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance, without cost, to the First Baptist Church of Okeechobee, with 100 percent oil, gas and minerals reserved to the Trustees.

W. K. Whitfield, Jr., on behalf of Leslie M. Webster and Amy Harrison Webster, offers \$300.00 an acre for 0.20 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway adjacent to Lots 11 and 12, Block "C", Nela Isle, Island Section, Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Whitfield's clients and authorize conveyance of the parcel without advertisement.

Mr. Lawrence Rogers came before the Trustees in connection with recent appraisals made by George F. Brass of Orlando, Florida, of land in Osceola County. Last year Mr. Rogers, on behalf of clients, made an offer of \$25.00 an acre for a parcel of lake bottom land on Lake Tohopekaliga and Mr. Brass appraised the land at \$300.00 an acre. Mr. Rogers asks that the Trustees reconsider his application on the basis of \$25.00 an acre and stated that he had a Federal appraiser, the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Osceola County and another appraiser in that county to look at the property and their opinion was that \$25.00 was a fair value. The land is adjacent to upland property of his client.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that, subject to approval of the Governor, the Trustees accept offer of \$25.00 an acre from Mr. Rogers for the parcel of land located on the northeast section of the lake in Sections 22, 26 and 27, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, 28.01 acres in Osceola County.

Jack Holton makes application for exchange of 19.6 acres of submerged land east of Government Lot 1, Section 4, and Government Lot 2, Section 5, all in Township 31 South, Range 15 East, for 14.5

acres owned by Trustees Internal Improvement Fund in the same sections, township and range, Pinellas County. Mr. Wells stated that the proposal has been approved by Mr. Burns of the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the exchange as requested, conditioned upon Mr. Holton filing with the Trustees approval from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County for the proposed improvement. (Approval of the County Commissioners was presented to the Trustees.)

James W. Moore, on behalf of the owners of Ragged Keys Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, makes application to purchase the submerged lands surrounding these keys in Township 56 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Mr. Moore offers the appraised price of \$180.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Mr. Moore.

The Trustees on June 14, 1955, deferred action on sale of Parcels 1 and 2, Pinellas County land, applied for by Adrian S. Bacon on behalf of Lewis Island Corporation, and this date was set for hearing objections to said sale.

Mr. Bacon was present and displayed an aerial photograph showing the two (2) parcels of land and the area from which dredging will be done; part of the fill material will be taken from property they already own and the channel will be dredged out to 15 feet, making it more navigable. He stated that he has talked with parties making objections, and after explaining the proposed improvement J. Lee Ballard stated he had no objection to the sale. George W. Bartlett, Allan G. Goranson and Dr. McCorkle stated they had no objections provided he kept within the bulkhead line already established. Two other parties live from 3 to 40 blocks from the area applied for.

No one making protest was present to be heard.

Mr. Bacon stated that in order to further assure those parties who had protested to the sale, he will be glad to have the minutes show that the Trustees will convey only parcels within the bulkhead line.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of Parcels 1 and 2, as advertised for sale June 14, 1955, at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre—provided Mr. Bacon's client will furnish evidence that the fill will be within the present established bulkhead line; that he has permission of the Inland Navigation engineer with statement that the channel will be protected, and approval of the County Commissioners of the proposed improvement.

The Trustees on June 7, 1955, postponed action on application from Thomas S. Hodson for purchase of approximately one-half acre of land in Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County, being a parcel approximately 92 feet by 240 feet bordering the Florida East Coast Railway in the southern part of Florida City. Mr. Mayo reports that the parcel is not needed in connection with the Farmers' Market at Florida City.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$250.00 for the parcel and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids, conditioned upon applicant's agreeing to start the bid at \$500.00.

Mr. Elliot called attention to advertisements authorized by the Trustees June 14, for oil and gas leases applied for by Mr. Wallace Fields and Amerada Corporation. Owing to errors in description furnished, it is necessary to recheck the interest of the State and interest of private owners before advertisements can go out.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the authorization for advertisement stand pending checking and correction of descriptions.

Attorney General Ervin brought up the matter of adjustment in salaries of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells to bring them in line with the Budget Director and heads of other departments, and suggested that the subject be taken up with the Governor and Mr. Mayo.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Elliot take up with the Governor and Mr. Mayo the matter of increase in salaries of Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells, in line with the suggestion by the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved for payment:

Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	\$ 4,243.00
U. S. Geological Survey	6,530.62
Robert M. Angus & Associates, Jacksonville.....	4,270.00
H. G. Morton—Expenses	344.06
Anderson & Carr, West Palm Beach—Appraisal	100.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service	52.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale—Appraisal.....	250.00
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	5.36
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville.....	8.24
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee.....	14.85
Geo. W. Crawford, CCC Leon County— Recording	1.70

The Palm Beach Times-Post—Advertising.....	13.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Advertising	16.10
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	29.90
Total.....	<u>\$15,878.83</u>

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 611 listing eighteen (18) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, seventeen (17) quitclaim deeds for releasing state road right of way reserved in original deeds, and Broward County Deed No. 2987-Cor. to Henry J. Driggers and Clara E. Driggers, to give correct plat book and page numbers.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 611 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The State Road Department makes application for road right of way and borrow pit easement through a part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 4 South, Range 8 West, Liberty County, desired in connection with State Road S-379.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement for road right of way and borrow pit through the land described.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain certificates issued against land in Citrus and Taylor Counties as approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the following bills be approved for payment:

Rose Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.—	
On account for printing Minutes	\$1,130.00
W. H. McKinney, Bushnell, Fla.—	
Refund, M.A. Deed No. 70	60.00
	<u>\$1,190.00</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RAY E. GREEN
Comptroller-Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 12, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of June 28, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the minutes be approved.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held today:

POLK COUNTY—On May 24, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$15.00 an acre from Marion G. Denton for purchase of the NE¼ of NE¼ of Section 15, Township 27 South, Range 25 East, containing 40 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$15.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Lakeland Ledger on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells announced that a bid of \$25.00 an acre has been received from R. W. Wilkin-son, at which price the bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$42.00 an acre from Marion G. Denton.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of \$42.00 an acre from Mr. Denton.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On May 24, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Joe Kelleher for purchase of Lot 2, Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 35 East, containing 52.8 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$50.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$60.00 an acre from Horace Zemel.

July 12, 1955

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$60.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Zemel.

Mr. Wells presented the following three (3) sales advertised for objections only, based on application from adjoining owners of upland in Pinellas County who agreed to pay the appraised price for the land:

1. On May 31, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Curtis W. Bowman, et ux., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay, in Section 7, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lot 2, Block "J," Bahama Beach, containing 0.34 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. On May 31, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from L. A. Pastor for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to the S½ of Lot 16 and Lot 17, Block 10, Tampa Shores Subdivision, Bay Section, containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in records of Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. On May 31, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Robert A. James for purchase of a parcel of land in Tampa Bay in Sections 7 and 18, Township 32 South, Range 17 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Tract "E" of Lucas South Shore Addition, and the South 50 rods (8235 feet) of Government Lot 2 of said Section 7, containing 13.9 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells stated that these three (3) applications came in and were ordered advertised prior to passage of a 1955 Act which repeals Chapter 29427, Special Laws of 1953, said 1955 Act being Chapter 31182 creating Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority within Pinellas County, Florida. Mr. Wells recommends

that the three parcels be sold to applicants at the price offered for each when consent from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has been procured.

Mr. Elliot stated that there is nothing in the present Act that binds the Trustees to secure consent of the Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority; that the Trustees may reject the sale even though the said Authority approves such sale. The said Act also provides that the Authority shall approve the plan submitted by applicant, after which it comes to the Trustees as information. If the Pinellas County Authority disapproves the plan the applicant would of course not be interested in purchasing the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the three parcels of Pinellas County land at the prices offered upon consent from the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County being procured, as recommended by Mr. Wells.

MONROE COUNTY—The Trustees on May 31, 1955, considered application from Paul Sawyer, on behalf of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, for conveyance of a parcel of submerged land in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.33 of an acre, more or less, adjacent to Maloney's Subdivision, the parcel to be used by the county for road purposes. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported objections have been filed by Ignatius Lester to conveyance of the land. Mr. Wells recommended that action on the sale be postponed and that the County Commissioners of Monroe County and the interested parties be requested to get together and try to work out some amicable adjustment to come back to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Wells be approved.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 24, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$247.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Dr. E. Romle Romine, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying westerly and northwesterly and adjacent to Lots 13 and 14, Block "B" of Woodburn's Subdivision, containing 2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Dr. Romine at the appraised price—\$247.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 24, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Harrison A. Smith, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, in Sections 3 and 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying northerly of and adjacent to Lot 15, Block "B" of Woodburn's Subdivision, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 10, 17, 24, July 1 and 8, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Smith at the appraised price—\$250.00 an acre.

Vincent E. Beckman, Jr., on behalf of Florida Ore Processing Corporation, holder of Lease No. 713, makes application for a ten-year extension of said lease. The lease provides for the mining of mineral sand in Brevard, Indian River, St. Lucie and Martin Counties, and the requested extension will run for a period of ten years from June 1, 1955. A report shows that lessees have complied with all conditions of said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that extension of the lease be granted, subject to approval of the Attorney General.

Mrs. J. S. Parson offers \$30.00 for a one-year extension of her grazing lease No. 723, the extension to run from June 1, 1955. The land covered lies in SE¼ of Section 25, and NE¼ of Section 36, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, Glades County, and contains 30 acres, more or less.

Mr. Wells reported that he has increased the rental price from fifty cents to \$1.00 an acre for the renewal.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve extension of Lease No. 723 for a period of one year from June 1, 1955, with rental at the rate of \$1.00 per acre.

Request was presented from Richard H. Hunt of Miami for appointment to come before the Trustees July 19, 1955, with reference to Campsite Lease No. 624.

The Trustees granted request of Mr. Hunt and asked Mr. Wells to so advise him.

C. M. Greene, on behalf of Fritz Stein, applies for one-year renewal of Farm Lease No. 957 from June 30, 1955, for which he offers \$150.00. The land covered by said lease is located in Government Lot 2, Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Farm Lease No. 957 in favor of Fritz Stein for a period of one (1) year from June 30, 1955, upon payment of \$150.00.

C. M. Greene, on behalf of C. A. Thomas, offers \$5.00 per acre per annum for a five-year grazing lease on 102 acres of lake bottom land lying between the United States Government levee and Old State levee in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, and Section 2 in Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Thomas on the land described, payment to be at the rate of \$5.00 an acre annually.

Afternoon Session—2:30 P.M.—Same Members present.

Mr. Herman W. Goldner, representing Bird Key Corporation, appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with request for ten-year extension of Lease No. 587 covering Bird Key, where an experiment in propagation of shrimp is being carried on. This lease will expire in 1958.

Mr. Ervin discussed at considerable length the effect Chapter 30400, passed by the 1955 Legislature, would have, since by said Act a large area in the locality of Bird Key, including Bird Key, was given to Pinellas County for public purposes. The lessee has expended about \$100,000.00 already on their project and further expenditures are needed in the immediate future. Without some assurance that an extension of the lease can be secured, lessee questions justification for future expenditures. Without an extension, lessee will in no wise recover amount already expended. Mr. Ervin stated further there is the question of whether or not the Trustees have the authority to make the extension, that perhaps it could be granted with some sort of restriction in it such as, "subject, however, to any restrictions that may exist under Chapter 30400." This would furnish the lessee with a basis to present the matter to the Courts showing an equity under this lease, or he might go to the next Legislature and get a Bill passed authorizing the extension. Personally, the Attorney General would not care to approve an extension which does not include consideration of the 1955 Act. Also, Mr. Ervin stated the situation should be made clear in the Minutes

of the Trustees and a copy given to Mr. Goldner, so furthering any efforts he may make to get a favorable Bill passed in 1957. Lessee has stated he holds written consent of interested parties to the requested extension.

Mr. Elliot stated that before the Bill, now Chapter 30400, was introduced, matter of Bird Key and the shrimp experiment being conducted under lease from Trustees was discussed and it was proposed to insert a clause in the Bill by which the Trustees would retain the right to continue the lease for shrimp experimentation purposes without being affected by the grant to Pinellas County for public purposes. The operation on which lessee is engaged is of public benefit to the state. Bird Key is peculiarly adapted for the purpose.

Mr. Goldner stated if the matter were taken to court, he believes the lessee could build a substantial case. He understands the Attorney General's position in that he does not wish to do anything that would conflict with the law. He suggested an extension could include a condition and limitation that would take cognizance of the law. The reason this matter is being brought up now is that a developer from the east coast has proposed a certain project in Boca Ciega Bay. One of the developments involves building a toll bridge across Bird Key. This information has just come to lessee, prompting taking up matter of extension of lease at this time.

Governor Collins said that in view of this being the first time this matter of extension of Lease No. 587 has been before the Trustees, he thought an opportunity should be given to all interested parties to be heard; that a legal interpretation should be procured of the rights and authority of the Trustees in granting such an extension, giving full consideration to Chapter 30400. If the Trustees have no authority, lessee should pursue the course of going to the 1957 Legislature.

Mr. Ervin stated the matter of further expansion by lessee should be considered. If the Trustees granted an extension, including therein such limitations as seemed advisable, the lessee would have something to go to the Legislature and the public with; he could show an equity, having assurance the Trustees would go along with him. It has been understood the lessee anticipated all the while an extension of his lease.

Mr. Larson agreed that it would be advisable for lessee and other interested parties to meet with the Trustees and discuss the situation. It seems to him the lessee is trying to get in a bargaining position.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Trustees that a future date should be set for again considering the matter of lease extension, and Tuesday, July 19, was set for such discussion. Governor Collins requested Mr. Wells to notify all interested parties of whom he had knowledge of the hearing, including the prospective developer referred to by Mr. Goldner. Also the matter should be taken up with the attorney for the County Commissioners, which was agreed to by all.

Pomeroy L. Dunbar, on behalf of Palm Beach County, requests that the Trustees reconsider action taken June 21, 1955, and authorize conveyance of the north 100 feet of Section 19, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, less the $W\frac{1}{2}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of $NW\frac{1}{4}$ of said section, in Palm Beach County. The land will be used for the purpose of constructing a road which will connect State Road No. 717 and State Road No. 15. At the previous meeting the request was denied based on recommendation of C. M. Greene, Superintendent of Belle Glade State Prison Farm.

Upon reconsideration of the application, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Palm Beach County Commissioners.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands by adjacent upland owners:

1. Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of O. T. Alexander and A. L. Robins, applies for two parcels of submerged land on Manasota Key in Sections 5, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 27, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, for which they offer the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre;
2. James R. Altavilla applies for 0.27 of an acre of submerged land in Halifax River in Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County. Recommended sale price is \$100.00 for the parcel;
3. Henry Esteva, on behalf of J. Warren Bowman, applies to purchase an additional 0.31 of an acre of submerged land, adjacent to a parcel recently purchased, in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, for which he offers \$200.00 an acre; and
4. O. Morton Weston, Jr., on behalf of Fred C. Harrison and wife, offers the appraised price of \$3,050.00 an acre for 0.068 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the four (4) parcels applied for be advertised for objections only based on the offers submitted and recommended.

Mr. Wells reported that on April 12, 1955, the Trustees offered for sale 0.13 of an acre of submerged land in Sections 20 and 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, Broward County, applied for by Stephen C. O'Connell, on behalf of Raymond R. Beatty. Objections to the sale were filed by the State Road Department, and the sale has been held up waiting for the State Road Department to decide whether or not the parcel was needed. A bridge tender's cottage is located on the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the matter be held over for another week and the

State Road Department notified to have some representative present at the meeting to explain their position.

Felix Reifschneider offers the prevailing price of \$300.00 an acre for Lots 13 and 14, Block "C" Venetian Gardens, on Lake Conway, Orange County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale to Mr. Reifschneider of the parcel described upon payment of \$300.00 an acre.

Pursuant to recent action taken by the Trustees as to appraisals of Monroe County land, J. Otto Kirchheiner, President of the Key West Board of Realtors, was present and the Trustees explained their position with reference to appraisals of submerged lands.

Mr. Kirchheiner was advised that when it becomes necessary to have lands in Monroe County appraised, the Trustees will get in touch with him.

Mr. Elliot presented request from R. L. Newman of Tampa, Florida, that the Trustees grant extension of time covering right of way for causeway and bridge from the mainland across to Sanibel Island, Lee County, and for landing areas on the island.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of two years under the same terms and conditions as in original authorization.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant an additional fifteen (15) days extension from August 1, 1955 to Mrs. J. B. Whitfield, within which to vacate the residence at 409 South Monroe Street, recently purchased by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mrs. Whitfield had requested an extension of thirty days, but it was explained that several state agencies had made arrangements to occupy the dwelling on August 1.

The following requests were presented from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District:

1. Additional right of way for construction of pumping station, Station S-3 and Levee L-25 in Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 2, Township 44 South, Range 35 East, Palm Beach County, comprising 1.1 acres; and
2. Perpetual easement across that part of Section 36, Township 46 South, Range 37 East, lying north and east of North New River Canal, Palm Beach County. The right of way will comprise a strip 30 feet in width adjacent to the present right of way, containing 0.2 of an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant additional right of way and perpetual easement as requested by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHARTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 612 listing 101 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also approve issuance of thirteen (13) quitclaim deeds conveying right of way reserved in original deeds and now approved for release by the State Road Department.

The State Road Department makes application for conveyance of a parcel of land in Section 23, Township 26 South, Range 21 East, Pasco County, lying within the right of way of State Road No. 41.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve conveyance of the parcel requested for use in connection with State Road No. 41.

Hainer Currie and wife make application for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953 of one (1) acre of land in Section 30, Township 24 South, Range 22 East, Pasco County, for which they offer \$12.50.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve issuance of deed under Chapter 28317 in favor of Mr. Currie and wife covering the parcel of land described, provided applicants will offer \$25.00 for the land.

The State Board of Control makes application for conveyance to the State Board of Education for use of the Experiment Station of the University of Florida, Gainesville, of 8 acres of land under Chapter 18296, described as "That part of Lot 1 South and East of R. R., in Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 21 East, Alachua County, containing 8 acres."

Mr. Elliot explained that this land is used by the Experiment Station at Gainesville and the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County requests that the certificates against this parcel be cancelled. Mr. Elliot suggested that the parcel be conveyed to the State Board of Education for use by the Experiment Station.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, to the State Board of Education as recommended by Mr. Elliot, the deed to carry the reversion clause in event the land should cease to be used for purposes of the University of Florida.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
July 19, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Governor Collins stated that on July 12, 1955, the Trustees received application from Bird Key Shrimp Company for an extension of its Lease No. 587 which will expire in 1958, with the explanation that in view of recent legislation granting certain lands to Pinellas County, and in view of the fact that it will be necessary for the company to make further expenditures in the immediate future, they would like to have some assurance that the lease would be extended. This date was set for hearing interested parties on the subject.

Mr. Harry Young, Assistant City Attorney for the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, stated that he was present to present objections from the city to extension of said lease.

Mr. William Kirchain, representing Bird Key Shrimp Company, requested that the matter be indefinitely postponed without waiving any right of Lessee.

Mr. Young explained that the reasons for protest by the City of St. Petersburg are that it will interfere with proposed development by Mr. Hyman Green, a part of which will be providing a negro bathing beach and recreation facilities, construction of a causeway, the right of way for which crosses Bird Key; that Mr. Green has agreed that the proposed development be taken into the city limits, which will mean a considerable increase in tax revenue to the city.

Mr. Young stated that he has not had opportunity to discuss this matter with the County Commissioners but if the negro bathing beach could be provided it would serve a long needed purpose for the city and county. He explained that if Mr. Green should build the beach there would be difficulty if the land was not owned by the city. For that reason the city is interested in acquiring Bird Key.

Comptroller Green suggested that the city and county get with Bird Key Shrimp Company and see if something could not be worked out so that this new industry would be assured of being able to go ahead with its development. Mr. Young said he would be agreeable to that.

Governor Collins stated that since Mr. Kirchain, on behalf of Bird Key Shrimp Company, has requested indefinite postponement of his application, without waiving any rights, there was no action to be taken.

Mr. Wells asked for reconsideration of sale advertised to be held April 12, 1955 based on offer of \$1300.00 from Stephen O'Connell on behalf of Raymond Beatty, for purchase of 0.13 of an acre of submerged land in Sections 20 and 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, Broward County. The State Road Department protested the sale and a representative from that department was asked to be present today.

Mr. L. C. Love, representing the State Road Department, advised that the said department was withdrawing its objection to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the Broward County parcel described in favor of Mr. Beatty at the price offered—\$1300.00.

Comptroller Green presented letter from P. L. Pierce, representing Leedy, Wheeler & Alleman, and Clyde C. Pierce, representing Pierce, Carrison & Wullburn, offering to sell \$500,000.00 of Florida State Turnpike Authority 3¼ percent bonds maturing April 1, 1955, at 98¼ percent of par.

Upon discussion of the subject it was suggested that the Trustees dispose of \$250,000.00 of Jacksonville Expressway bonds to some other state agency and invest said amount in Turnpike bonds; also, if it would improve the yield from investments of the Trustees it might be wise to dispose of certain early maturing United States Government securities to the extent of \$250,000.00, such amount to be invested in Turnpike bonds, which would make a total investment in said bonds of \$500,000.00.

Pierce and Pierce stated that they would offer the Trustees 99½ for the Jacksonville Expressway bonds, which is the price the Trustees paid for them.

Motion was made by Comptroller Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees sell \$250,000.00 of Jacksonville Expressway bonds to the State Board of Administration at a price of ninety-nine and one-half percent (99½ %), plus accrued interest and invest the proceeds therefrom in Florida State Turnpike Authority bonds.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that upon completion of the sale of Jacksonville Express-

way bonds, the amount of \$250,000.00 be reinvested by the Trustees in Florida State Turnpike Authority 3¼ percent bonds maturing April 1, 1955, at 98¼ percent of par, based upon offer from Messrs. Pierce and Pierce.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Ralph Potts, Executive Director of the State Board of Administration, be authorized to sell \$250,000.00 of United States Government securities held by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, selection of said securities to be made with a view to improving the financial position of the Trustees' investments, and to invest said funds in Florida State Turnpike Authority bonds; that the motion contemplates that sale of said securities be made to another state agency or state board rather than in open sale in order that the new purchase will not involve any loss in yield to the state. It was so ordered.

Appointment was made for Mr. Richard Hunt of Miami, Florida, to appear before the board in connection with Campsite Lease No. 624, originally issued June 7, 1948, in favor of R. B. Walker and John Clower. In connection with the original lease it was agreed that when the lease was surrendered by said parties, Richard H. Hunt would have the option to continue the lease for a period of five (5) years upon payment of annual rental of \$50.00.

Mr. Hunt was present and explained that one of the original lessees had died and the other has given up the lease and moved away. During the years they occupied the leased premises he spent considerable money rebuilding the camp and assisting the two old men in other matters, and he has around \$1500.00 tied up in the building, which is in need of other repairs at this time but he does not feel like investing more without having title to the land. He offers the Trustees \$250.00 for a parcel comprising one-half acre on which the camp is located, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Mr. Hunt further read a letter from the United States Engineer Office, Miami, Florida, stating that the camp does not interfere with navigation and, being built up on pilings, offers no interference with tidal currents in Angelfish Creek. Statement was made that there is a channel of five (5) feet or more in depth which separates this campsite from the mainland and there is no question of rights of upland owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the parcel of land on which the camp is located, described as being approximately 55 by 400 feet of Government Lot 8 in Section 5, Township 59 South, Range 41 East, comprising one-half acre in Monroe County, consideration for the parcel to be \$250.00.

Thomas S. Hodson offers \$500.00 as a starting bid for a parcel of land in Dade County, title to which vested in the Trustees under

Chapter 14717, through settlement with Everglades Drainage District in 1931. The parcel is described as being about 90 feet by 240 feet, bordering the Florida East Coast Railway in the southern part of Florida City, in Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, containing approximately one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre in Dade County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$500.00 from Mr. Hodson.

Financial Statements for the month of June, 1955, as as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of June 1, 1955 \$198,304.40

Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	\$55,247.00	
Quitclaim Deeds	203.00	
Oil and Gas Leases	1,896.92	
Miscellaneous Leases	509.88	
Mineral Leases	252.00	
Fill Material	3,459.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	8,222.70	
Campsite Leases	200.00	
Interest Coupons	19,287.00	
Certified Copy Trustees' Minutes	51.00	
Timber Leases	272.00	
Past Due Interest—Board of Trade, Inc.	1.32	
Oil Well Royalty	144.48	
Grazing Lease	47.95	
Farm Lease	2,947.10	
Treasure Lease	100.00	
Advertising Cost Refund	15.33	
Total Receipts for Month of June, 1955	92,856.68	92,856.68
GRAND TOTAL		291,161.08
Less Disbursements for Month of June, 1955		44,245.99
BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 1955		\$246,915.09

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1955

Date	Warrant No.	Payee	Amount
6-9-55	355002	Principal State School Fund	\$16,792.19
	355003	Biological Research—SBC	8,505.27
6-10-55	357485	Southeastern Telephone Co.	108.45
	357486	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	10.94
	357487	Earl R. Adams, CCC	3.40
	357488	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	357489	J. E. Pearce Realty Co.	32.94
	357490	L. F. Pallardy	500.00

	357491	George F. Brass	50.00
	357492	Andrews & Carr, Inc.	50.00
	357493	Florida Legislative Reporters, Inc.	500.00
6-14-55	360860	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	67.69
6-21-55	370792	City of Pahokee	2,100.00
	370791	Sinclair Wells	158.07
	375037	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	100.00
	375038	Sarasota Appraisal Service	52.00
	375039	Carl G. Harding	250.00
6-28-55	377654	Shell Oil Company	5.36
	377655	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	8.24
	377656	Capital Office Equipment Co.....	14.85
	377657	George G. Crawford, CCC	1.70
	377658	Palm Beach Times-Post	13.00
	377659	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	16.10
	377660	The Key West Citizen	29.90
	377661	H. G. Morton	344.06
6-30-55	337565	F. C. Elliot	713.75
	337566	H. G. Morton	492.15
	337567	A. R. Williams	432.88
	337568	A. C. Bridges	358.86
	337569	W. R. Culbreath	171.00
	337570	M. O. Barco	373.95
	337571	J. L. Dedge	350.16
	337572	B. G. Shelfer	247.62
	337573	W. Howell	330.95
	337574	C. E. Halley	339.25
	337575	S. Wells	206.80
	337576	C. M. Greene	47.50
	337577	R. N. Landers	26.13
	337578	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.....	30.10
	337579	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	337580	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
	337581	State Retirement	228.59
	337582	Federal Tax	611.40
	384543	Rose Printing Company	4,243.00
	384544	Robert M. Angus & Associates..	4,270.00
	390092	City of Pahokee	515.00
	395184	E. B. Leatherman	1.60
	395185	Leon Blueprinting Company	9.14
	395186	Railway Express Agency	1.80
	395187	Rose Printing Company	67.50
	395188	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	8.40
	395189	Ivey Motors, Inc.	7.66
	395190	The Key West Citizen	16.10
	395191	The Collier County News	13.04
	395192	The Clearwater Sun	98.89
	395193	Southeastern Telephone Co.	118.70
	395194	The Key West Citizen	33.74
	395195	DeLand Sun News	43.70
	395196	The Clearwater Sun	16.10
	395197	The Collier County News	27.74

395198	The Palm Beach Post-Times.....	18.75
395199	The Titusville Star Advocate.....	17.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH		
OF JUNE, 1955		\$44,245.99

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of June 1, 1955		\$6,755.62
Receipts:		none
Disbursements:		
6-30-55	379945 U. S. Geological Survey	6,530.62
Balance as of June 30, 1955		\$ 225.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:		
June 2, 1955		\$2,080.00
June 16, 1955		2,425.80
June 30, 1955		2,996.20
Total Receipts for the Month		\$7,502.00
Disbursements for the Month:		
6-10-55	356925 J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	\$ 50.00
6-30-55	333141 E. Hewitt	360.97
	333142 M. C. Pichard	270.84
	333143 Provident Life & Accid. Ins. Co.	7.75
	333144 State Retirement	21.37
	333145 Federal Tax	72.80
	333727 Rose Printing Company	1,130.00
Total Disbursements for the Month		\$1,913.73

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 613 listing 54 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Citrus County—S. A. Mills and wife make an offer of \$5.00 an acre for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953 of the E½ of NW¼ of Section 11, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, containing 80 acres.

Applicants have complied with the law and furnished all information required. Mr. Elliot recommends conveyance upon payment of \$10.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees make counter proposal to convey the land as applied for upon payment of \$10.00 an acre.

Lake County—George Andrew Speer offers \$5.00 an acre for advertising Government Lot 4, Section 31, Township 18 South, Range

30 East, containing 28 acres. A price of \$280.00 for the lot is recommended.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lot advertised with a base bid of \$280.00, plus Clerk's fee and advertising costs.

Polk County—The Board of Public Instruction requests that the Trustees convey to said board under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943, Lot 22 and S½ of Lot 21, Spanish Heights Subdivision of Section 2, Township 30 South, Range 27 East, at a price of \$13.62, which is equal to the base bid for advertising. Attorney General Ervin has rendered an opinion that the School Board has authority to take deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action dedicating the said parcels to the county for school purposes, and authorize conveyance to the Polk County School Board under Chapter 21684 upon payment of \$15.00.

Volusia County—The Board of County Commissioners offers \$5.00 per lot, or \$920.00, for conveyance of 184 lots on which the county foreclosed and later conveyed into private ownership. The state was not made party to the suit and it will be necessary to secure deed from the Trustees to perfect title in private purchasers.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$920.00 from Volusia County and convey the 184 lots in Lake Beresford Heights, Dorsey's Blue Spring Park, Beauty Spot Addition to Orange City, Orange-dale Subdivision, and David Park 7th Addition, deed to be issued under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LE ROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
July 26, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated April 2 and July 12, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the minutes as presented be approved.

Mr. Wells reported the following sales advertised to be considered today:

COLLIER COUNTY—On June 14, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Martin J. Bowen for purchase of Lot 6, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 45.94 acres, more or less, and on June 21, 1955, considered offer of \$100.00 from James Carr for purchase of Lot 6, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 12.13 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the two parcels for competitive bids with starting offers of \$100.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on June 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out separately and Mr. Wells stated that he has received a bid of \$1444.00, or about \$119.00 an acre, from Alfred C. Werner for Lot 6 of Section 3, at which figure bidding will start on that lot.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$101.00 an acre for Lot 6, Section 4, and \$120.00 an acre for Lot 6, Section 3, being made by T. H. Maloney.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid for each of said lots and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Maloney.

MARTIN COUNTY—On January 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, the appraised price, from William R. Scott, on behalf of Superior Properties, Inc., for purchase of a partially submerged island in Indian River in Sections 8 and 17, Township 38 South, Range 42 East, lying westerly of Government Lot 5 in said Section 8, and Government Lot 3 in said Section 17, containing 9.37 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the island for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$200.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Stuart News on June 23, 30, July 7, 14 and 21, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported objections have been filed to the sale by T. C. Houk, County Attorney, on behalf of the County Commissioners of Martin County, on the ground that sale will not be to the best interest of the county.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on said sale and that Mr.

Wells request the County Commissioners of Martin County to get with the applicant and try to clear up the matter.

Mr. Wells presented the following described lands advertised for sale subject to objections only, based on applications from adjoining upland owners:

1. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On June 14, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$120.00, the appraised price, from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Anna Nast, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly from the North 89.5 feet of Government Lot 6 of said Section 2, containing 0.6 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on June 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the parcel and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On June 14, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$120.00 an acre, the appraised price, from J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Thomas Mercadante, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly from Government Lot 6 of said Section 2, except the North 300 feet and the South 500 feet thereof, containing 3.2 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on June 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the parcel and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. MONROE COUNTY—On June 14, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$1,000.00 from Roland W. Craig for purchase of a small strip of submerged land comprising 0.18 of an acre in Section 30, Township 64 South, Range 36 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on June 24, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported no objections have been filed to the sale; also that the price offered is the same as received for submerged land recently purchased from the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted for the three (3) parcels of submerged land, and confirm sale in favor of applicants as adjacent upland owners.

Henry N. Thompson offers \$48.00 yearly rental for a five-year lease on a spoil bank containing approximately one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) acres at Sebastian Inlet, Indian River County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize a five-year lease on the parcel described upon payment of \$48.00 annual rental.

C. M. Greene, superintendent of Glades State Prison Farm, has requested use for the farm of the large tract of land comprising approximately 4000 acres on Conner's Highway which was formerly under Lease 716 to Pelican Bay Co-Op, said lease having been cancelled for failure to make rental payments. The land covers Sections 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 15, and all of Sections 21 and 22 lying north of the canal, all in Township 43 South, Range 39 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Greene stated that the farm would not require the entire tract, but that any land not needed could be rented to private individuals.

Mr. Elliot explained that it would be necessary to divide the tract so as to allocate the expense of operating and maintaining the pumping stations and other machinery placed on the property by the Trustees; that it will be necessary to do some work on the machinery to put it in shape for use.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Greene be authorized to take over the land and the part not needed for the Prison Farm be leased to private parties, with operation and maintenance costs being divided.

Joseph Weintraub makes application for a five-year extension of his Campsite Lease No. 433 which expires November 14, 1955. The lease covers approximately one acre, more or less, situated in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension for five (5) years on lease 433 with annual rental of \$50.00.

Commonwealth Oil Company makes application for an oil and gas lease on 734,760 acres, more or less, of land in Monroe County, for which applicant offers five cents (5c) per acre initial cash consideration or bonus and delay rental of five cents (5c) per acre per annum.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for lease subject to sealed competitive bids, based on the proposal submitted from Commonwealth Oil Company.

The Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County makes application for the south thirty (30) feet of unsurveyed part of Sections 9 and 10, and north 30 feet of unsurveyed part of Sections 15 and 16, all lying east of Matanzas River in Township 8 South, Range 30 East, St. Johns County, the land being desired for road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from St. Johns County and convey the parcels applied for, subject to advertisement for objections only, deed to carry restriction that the land shall be used for road purposes of the county.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property:

Charlotte County—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Florence U. Lord, offers the appraised value of \$100.00 an acre for 17.58 acres adjacent to upland in Sections 28 and 33, Township 41 South, Range 20 East;

Monroe County—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, offers \$189.00 an acre, which was the recent appraised value of adjacent land, for purchase of 5.53 acres of bay bottom land adjoining a recent purchase north of Little Crawl Key in Township 65 South, Range 33 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels of land advertised for objections only based on offers submitted from applicants.

The following offers were presented for purchase of land in Dade and Lee Counties:

Dade County—Mrs. Anna Fischer offers \$10.00 per lot for Lots 8 to 12, inclusive (less SAL R/W), Block 2, Greater Miami Sections A, B and C, and four lots in Sunset Manor No. 1;

Lee County—Leonard Santini offers the appraised price of \$50.00 an acre for three mangrove islands in Estero Bay, Sections 1 and 2, Township 47 South, Range 24 East, containing a total of 197.4 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted.

Mr. Elliot presented letter (postponed from last week) from Florida Geological Survey, requesting that the Trustees participate in expense of Water Studies to the extent of \$6,900.00 for the fiscal year 1955-1956 with renewal for 1956-1957. This amount will be in addition to expense taken over by the Trustees from the Water Research & Survey Division for water gaging stations.

Mr. Elliot explained that the Legislature failed to make sufficient appropriation to take care of all these stations, and that a record of these water stations has been carried on for a long time and any gap would spoil the record, which is of great value to the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize allocation of \$6,900.00 for the fiscal year 1955-1956, with renewal in 1956-1957, to be used in connection with expense of water studies under the Florida Geological Survey.

Ned W. Richardson of Valpariso, Florida, by letter to Governor Collins, applies for permit to search for treasure in the Choctawhatchee Bay, in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton Counties. The application to search has special reference to Billy Bowlegs pirate ship.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of year to year lease in favor of Mr. Richardson under the usual conditions, and upon payment of \$100.00 annually.

Mr. Elliot reported that Chapter 30400, Acts of 1955, granted to Pinellas County a certain portion of the land which was covered by a "freeze order" of the Trustees granted to the county March 22, expiring June 22, 1955. It is now in order that all land not included in the Act, but under the "freeze order", be opened up for sale or other disposition.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that all the land covered by the "freeze order" which was not granted to Pinellas County by Chapter 30400 be released for sale or other disposition.

Mr. Elliot presented as information copy of letter to Governor Collins from Mr. Nat Ratner of Miami, Florida, protesting sale of water bottoms on the ocean side of two (2) of the Ragged Keys, Dade County, owned by applicant. He stated that the area should not be sold but kept for the public, especially in view of the fact that these lands lie directly on and adjacent to proposed route of the causeway from Miami Beach to Key Largo.

Mr. Elliot explained that this character of land does not come within Section 271.01 Florida Statutes, which specifies land lying upon any navigable stream or bay or harbor of the sea; that the land in question is on the Atlantic Ocean.

The letter was ordered filed with other protests to be considered on date of sale—August 23, 1955.

Mr. Elliot called attention to action taken by the Trustees in connection with loan of \$150,000.00 to Inter-American Center Authority. Said loan was to be repaid from sale of bonds when issued, and information now is that the Authority is in process of issuing seventy million dollars in bonds.

The matter was ordered held over until the return of the Governor.

Mr. Elliot requested consideration of budget of the Trustees for the present fiscal year, action having been deferred for the past several weeks, stating that request has been made to the Budget Director for release of funds to cover the budget as approved by the Budget Commission and authorized by the 1955 Legislature. Mr. Elliot suggested that the Trustees approve the total amount for salaries and expense as set forth in the 1955-1956 budget and as authorized by the Legislature, and also approve for payment all regular expense bills under the usual procedure and all salaries of the Trustees, except the salaries of Mr. Sinclair Wells and Mr. F. C. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the suggestion of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees, the Budget Commission at its meeting on this date having released the funds as authorized by the 1955 Legislature.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	420.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	420.00
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State School Fund	13,507.89
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	6,950.55
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel Vouchers...	24.21
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses	22.00
F. C. Elliot—Expenses	20.95
W. R. Culbreath—Expenses	36.52
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce—Appraisals	50.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service—Appraisals	35.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach—Appraisals	50.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisals ...	175.00
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	3.26
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.13
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	23.45
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	
Recording fee	1.60
D. T. Farabee, CCC Lee County	
Recording fee	2.50
Panama City News-Herald	
Advertising land sale	12.65

DeLand Sun News—Advertising	13.80
Ledger Publishing Co., Inc., Lakeland, Fla.	12.65
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Advertising	24.15
The Clearwater Sun—Advertising	66.70
The Key West Citizen—Advertising.....	78.10
TOTAL.....	\$26,374.10

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67

TOTAL..... \$ 771.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RAY E. GREEN
Comptroller-Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
August 2, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated July 19 and 26, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Governor Collins reported that it has been recognized that it would be desirable for the state to acquire and control property owned by Mr. Weldon G. Starry located south of the Governor's Mansion, comprising approximately 116 feet fronting on Adams Street and through the block to Duval Street. An appraisal furnished the state by Mr. Edwin White placed the value of the land at \$24,000.00 while an appraiser for Mr. Starry placed a value of \$40,000.00 on the property.

A compromise figure of \$32,000.00 was agreed upon by Mr. Starry. The Governor recommends that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund purchase the property at the price agreed to by Mr. Starry with a view to making use of it for the present as a parking lot, and also in order to protect the present mansion property in the future against any undesirable building or business.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund approve the recommendation of the Governor and authorize the Secretary to purchase the property owned by Mr. Starry, described as the North 116 feet of Lots 173 and 174 in the North Addition to the City of Tallahassee, at a price of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00).

Treasurer Larson requested that he be allowed to occupy the Whitfield property recently purchased by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, explaining that one of his departments, the Financial Responsibility Division, is at present located in the old Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission building. The State Road Department is anxious for the building to be vacated so it can be torn down.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Larson to take over the Whitfield building as soon as it is vacated—on or before August 15, 1955.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of either moving the brick building east of the Capitol on Lafayette Street, formerly owned by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission and recently purchased by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Road Department, or tearing down the front part of the building and remodeling the remainder for office space until the new office building is completed.

The Trustees asked Mr. Elliot to look into the matter and report back to the board at the next meeting his recommendations.

Mr. Elliot called attention to the matter presented last week in reference to commitment from Inter-American Center Authority that repayment would be made to the Trustees of loan in amount of \$150,000.00 when bonds of the Authority were issued.

Upon discussion of the subject, Mr. Elliot was requested to advise the Inter-American Center Authority of the agreement to repay the loan. It was so ordered.

In reference to action taken July 19, 1955, in connection with purchase of Turnpike bonds, Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees purchase outright the second \$250,000.00 block of Florida State Turnpike bonds from cash on hand and not sacrifice U. S. bonds at a loss to the Trustees. He reported that the Trustees have on hand a sufficient amount of money to make this purchase and take

care of commitments due. The Turnpike bonds can be bought on the present market for approximately \$245,000.00 plus accrued interest, and the Trustees will sustain no loss in principal or interest which would be the case should the U. S. Bonds be sold at the present market price.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken July 19th as to proposed sale of United States bonds and in lieu thereof that Mr. Elliot be authorized to purchase out of Trustees' funds \$250,000.00 of Florida State Turnpike Bonds.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has been notified of his appointment as a member of the Central Investment Advisory Service. In so far as the Trustees are concerned, he feels that once a month will be often enough for having a meeting to consider matters coming before this committee and his suggestion is that the fourth Tuesday in each month be fixed for considering matters coming under that Service.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees designate the fourth Tuesday in each month for considering subjects of Central Investment Advisory Service.

In connection with the application from Mr. Wallace Fields for oil and gas lease covering Seminole Indian Reservation lands, and lands held by the state and by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Mr. Elliot called attention to paragraph 20 of proposed lease to be entered into jointly by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions. Paragraph 20 provides for the allocation of the cash consideration and delay rentals, but omitted allocation of royalties. Mr. Elliot suggested that allocation of royalties to be received from oil and gas be inserted.

The foregoing lease has reference to lands deeded by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and held for the benefit of the Indians, in which deed the Trustees reserved one-half of the oil and gas; also, in the same lease are parcels of land owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. The same insertion is to be made in both cases.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the change as suggested by Mr. Elliot be approved for inclusion in the lease.

Governor Collins presented letter from United States Senator Spessard L. Holland, together with copy of Senate Bills 2641 and 2642, having reference to permanent boundaries of Everglades National Park, and stated that he asked Mr. Elliot to indicate on a map the changes proposed by two bills.

Mr. Elliot submitted a map and pointed out certain areas which Senate Bill 2641 proposed to exclude from the maximum boundaries and other areas which Senate Bill 2642 proposed to include within

the said boundaries, certain areas which were not within the maximum boundaries.

Upon consideration of the bills, the Trustees expressed the opinion that they did not approve of all the areas proposed to be included and it was suggested that Senator Holland be requested to amend the proposed bills.

Governor Collins suggested that the Trustees approve the proposed boundaries except in so far as the same deals with Tract 1; that Senator Holland be advised that the Trustees feel the lands taken from Tract 1 should only be such as would be necessary to provide a reasonable and satisfactory western entrance to the balance of the park. As to specifically what would constitute a reasonable and satisfactory entrance, that the matter be subject to further negotiations between the Trustees and the Federal authorities and the Congressional delegation; that the Trustees approve the northwest section comprising the Collier lands.

The suggestion of the Governor was approved, and he asked that Mr. Elliot prepare a form of letter to Senator Holland for him to sign on behalf of the Trustees, pointing out the problems as discussed, especially with reference to Tract No. 1.

Mr. Wells presented application from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of Alexander Raulerson and Nancy Raulerson, offering \$50.00 for Lot 2, Block 26, South Okeechobee, a subdivision in Section 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Lawson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$50.00 and authorize execution of deed in favor of clients of Mr. Conely.

Orlie H. LoBean offers \$100.00 for a small lot comprising 0.24 of an acre of land in Section 22, Township 44 South, Range 24 East, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Lawson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the lot described in favor of Mr. LoBean.

John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Mrs. Lucille M. Lundblad, offers \$200.00 an acre for purchase of 3.64 acres of submerged land in Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, adjoining her upland property on Longboat Key.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer submitted.

The following applications were presented for exclusive treasure leases:

Charlotte County—Arthur J. Bond, for himself and others, applies for lease on 100 feet north of Seaboard Air Line Railroad crossing, which crosses Coral Creek, to 250

feet north of the railroad crossing. Offer of \$100.00 per annum is made for the lease;

St. Lucie County—Jack Carr and Silas Thomas apply for lease covering an area near Pepper Park, for which they offer \$100.00 annually.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one-year exclusive permits in favor of applicants upon payment of \$100.00 each.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Eliot presented Report No. 614 listing thirty-three (33) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and Palm Beach County Deed No. 2898-Cor. to Howard W. Selby and F. N. Bridgman, surviving directors of Alfred H. Wagg Organization, for the purpose of correcting name of grantee in original Palm Beach County Deed No. 2898-Cor. dated June 26, 1946.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 614 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Letter from Comptroller Ray E. Green was presented, submitting request from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Okeechobee County that the freeze order against sale of Murphy Act land in Okeechobee County be released.

Mr. Elliot explained that at the time the freeze order went into effect there was considerable activity in exploring for oil and gas in Okeechobee County and the Trustees deemed it best to withhold sale for a time. Mr. Elliot recommends that the freeze order be now removed from all unsold Murphy Act lands except those lands involved in irregularities in the Clerk's office; also that in the sale of any Murphy Act lands under lease, the Trustees reserve all oil and minerals in the leased lands.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees release the freeze order of November 23, 1954, as to all Murphy Act lands in Okeechobee County in accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Elliot.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Murphy Act Certificate No. 2387 of 1927, covering land in Osceola County, the Attorney General's Office having approved such disposition.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 9, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated May 9, 1955, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Joint meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions was called and Honorable R. A. Gray, Secretary of State, was recorded as present.

On June 14, 1955, consideration was given to application from Mr. Wallace Fields of Tampa, Florida, for an oil and gas lease on approximately 384,667 surface acres of land held by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, for the use of the Seminole Indians, and by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, said lands being located in Palm Beach and Broward Counties. The Trustees and the Board agreed to advertise the lease for competitive sealed bids, requiring royalty payments of one-eighth in kind or in value and the amount of twenty-five cents (25c) per acre annual rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, and said lease shall be for a primary term of ten (10) years. The bidding for said lease shall be on the cash consideration therefor.

The lease was advertised as required by law and notice was published in the Tallahassee Democrat, the Palm Beach Post and the Fort Lauderdale News on July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1955, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells announced that the only bid received was \$227,040.03 from Mr. Wallace Fields, on behalf of clients, Humble Oil and Refining Company, for lease covering lands owned by the two boards.

A memorandum from the Attorney General's office raises the following question:

"Were the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund required by Section 1226, Revised General Statutes, 1920, or even permitted, to reserve unto the said Trustees the percentage of oil, gas and minerals mentioned in said

Section 1226, and if not is the reservation contained in Trustees deed number 18,380 valid and operative as against the Indians?"

Attorney General Ervin stated that he asked Mr. Elliot to look into this question and make his recommendations.

Mr. Elliot called attention to a Supreme Court opinion rendered in the case of Millard F. Caldwell, Governor of the State of Florida et al, as Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, vs. Donald B. Kemper and wife—June term, 1947—having reference to reservations in a deed conveying Murphy Act land (Chapter 18296) in which the Court decided that the Trustees, acting for the State, had discretionary authority to include such reservation in deeds; that it would seem by the same token the Trustees would have authority to include such reservations in deeds issued by the Trustees conveying lands held by them; that such reservations were made in deeds, whether any money was involved or not, prior to 1943 when an Act was passed authorizing inclusion of oil and mineral rights.

Attorney General Ervin stated that the question was simply raised in order for the Trustees to discuss it.

The Trustees discussed the Supreme Court opinion as well as laws passed by the Legislature affecting reservations and also an act passed by the 1955 session of the Legislature affecting Seminole Indians in Florida; that since the Indians' equity in the lease would be protected by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions holding in trust for them any moneys or royalties received from lands within the reservation, it was the opinion of the Trustees that there was no reason why the lease should not be authorized.

Motion was made on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions that the bid of Mr. Fields, on behalf of Humble Oil & Refining Company, for lease covering the Indian Reservation lands be approved and executed, subject to approval by the Governor. The motion was seconded and upon vote adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund accept the bid of Mr. Fields, on behalf of Humble Oil and Refining Company, and authorize execution of lease in the usual form and in accordance with published advertisement, subject to approval by the Governor.

(Subsequently, on August 16, 1955, Governor Collins approved issuance of lease in favor of Humble Oil and Refining Company.)

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On June 21, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Joseph G. Heyck, on behalf of Amerada Petroleum Corporation, for an oil and gas lease on the following designated areas:

In Township 41 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East
 In Township 43 South, Ranges 37, 38 and 39 East
 Estimated 12,022.62 acres—Title in Trustees.

In Township 41 South, Range 39 East
 In Township 42 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East
 In Township 43 South, Ranges 37, 38 and 39 East
 Between Townships 43/44 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East
 In Township 44 South, Ranges 37 and 38 East
 Estimated 26,161.65 acres—Reserve interest in Trustees.
 In Township 41 South, Range 39 East
 In Township 42 South, Ranges 38 and 39 East
 Estimated 1,298.63 acres
 Reserved interest in State under Chapter 18296.
 Total Surface Acres—39,482.90.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for competitive sealed bids, based on royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value, and the amount of fifty cents (50c) per acre annual rental increasing five percent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years and said lease shall be for a primary term of ten years; bidding for said lease to be on the cash consideration therefor.

The lease was advertised as required by law and notice was published in the Tallahassee Democrat and the Palm Beach Post on July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out the description and announced that the only bid received is \$16,224.25 from Amerada Petroleum Corporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the bid of Amerada Petroleum Corporation and authorize execution of lease covering the area described.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On June 21, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Mrs. Frances Card for purchase of a part of an acre of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay in Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lot 15 and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16, Block 10, Tampa Shores Subdivision, Bay Section, containing 0.4 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells recommends that approval of the County Commissioners of Pinellas County be secured before approval is given.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on sale to Mrs. Card pending approval of said sale by the County Commissioners of Pinellas County.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY—On June 21, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from W. Williamson for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Matanzas River in Sections 10 and 15, Township 8 South, Range 30 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lots 11 and 12 of the Joe L. Moore Subdivision of Anastasia to the Matanzas River, containing 30 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the St. Augustine Record on July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that objections to the sale have been filed by the County Commissioners of St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees withhold confirmation of this sale until applicant has secured approval of the County Commissioners; that upon receipt of such approval the sale be automatically consummated.

Hillsborough County—On June 14, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Henry S. Toland for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hillsborough Bay, in Sections 4, 5 and 6, Township 30 South, Range 19 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to the N½ of said Section 4, said parcel extending westerly to the Government Ship Channel in Hillsborough Bay, containing 140 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Tampa Tribune on July 8, 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale in favor of Mr. Toland at the price offered—\$50.00 an acre.

Three applications were presented for purchase of lake bottom land in Palm Beach County:

Mrs. J. W. Hosterman offers the appraised price of \$2,-584.00 for 14.78 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Webster, in Section 8, Township 45 South, Range 43 East;

Charles B. McAdam, on behalf of C. R. Melear and Henrietta Melear, makes application to purchase 159.23 acres of lake bottom land in Sections 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Sale recommended at the appraised price of \$75.00 an acre;

Charles B. McAdam, on behalf of T. F. Melear, makes application to purchase 63.17 acres of Lake Webster bottom lands in Section 7, 8, 17 and 18, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Sale recommended at the appraised price of \$65.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to accept the appraised price in each of the three cases and authorize sale in favor of clients of Mr. McAdam.

Mr. Charles R. P. Brown, on behalf of Indian River Broadcasting Company, makes application for a fifteen-year lease on 4.9 acres of land in Section 10, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, on which to erect a radio tower, and an extension of Lease No. 461 to run concurrently with the new lease. Applicant offers \$150.00 annually for said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize fifteen year lease covering the 4.9 acres applied for and also extend Lease No. 461 to run concurrently with the new lease.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for submerged lands in Monroe County adjoining upland property of applicants:

C. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of G. W. Sistrunk and wife, offers the appraised price of \$350.00 for a parcel of submerged land adjacent to their upland property on Plantation Key, Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, comprising 1.4 acres, more or less;

Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Joe Bucks, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 0.6 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Sunkrest Sub-division, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East;

Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Rudolph Schlarp and Helen M. Schlarp, his wife, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 0.6 of an acre of submerged land in Bonefish Bight, Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East;

Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Ray G. Polzin and Bernice Polzin, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2.9 acres of bay bottom land adjacent to their upland property in Sections 2 and 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;

John P. Goggin, on behalf of John Brell, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2.0 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property on Grassy Key at Marathon, Township 65 South, Range 33 East;

Paul Sawyer, on behalf of B. Ursin, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 89 acres of bay bottom land in Pine Channel, adjacent to his upland property in Section 16, Township 66 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the six parcels of land for objections only based on offers submitted from adjoining upland owners.

Request was presented from the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials that the Trustees concur in exchange of land between the Park Board and Jens and Jennie Hansen, involving land in St. Johns County. The exchange provides for conveyance to the Park Board of 86.35 acres in Section 46, Township 9 South, Range 30 East, and in Section 44, Township 10 South, Range 30 East, and conveyance to Jens and Jennie Hansen of 72.72 acres in Sections 43 and 44, Township 9 South, Range 30 East, all in St. Johns County, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees concur in land exchange as requested and indicate such concurrence by execution of the exchange instrument which has been signed by the Florida Board of Parks and Historic Memorials.

Financial Statements for the Month of July, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of July 1, 1955	\$246,915.09
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Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	\$ 69,141.03
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Less returned check	220.00
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Net	\$68,921.03
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Quitclaim Deeds	110.00
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Farm Leases	6,065.48
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Grazing Leases	1,813.05
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Sand & Shell Leases.....	9,611.81
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Less returned check	459.38
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Net	9,152.43
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Advertising	75.81
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Timber Leases	160.97
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Miscellaneous Leases	745.25
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Mineral Leases	75.00
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Payment on Taxes	500.00
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Campsite Leases	325.00
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Fill Material	200.00
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Interest Coupons	320.00
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Total Receipts for Month of July, 1955.....	88,464.02
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GRAND TOTAL	\$335,379.11
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Less Disbursements for Month of July, 1955 ...	4,517.25
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BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1955	\$330,861.86
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DISBURSEMENTS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
7-30-55	13985	Carl Gosbee	\$ 50.00
	13986	Sarasota Appraisal Service.....	35.00
	13987	E. D. Keefer	50.00
	13988	Harry M. McWhorter	175.00
	13989	W. R. Culbreath	36.52
	13990	Panama City News-Herald	12.65
	13991	DeLand Sun News	13.80
	13992	Ledger Publishing Co., Inc.	12.65
	13993	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	24.15
	13994	The Clearwater Sun	66.70
	13995	The Key West Citizen	78.10
	13996	Shell Oil Company	3.26
	13997	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	8.13
	13998	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	23.45
	13999	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	1.60
	14000	D. T. Farabee, CCC	2.50
	12892	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	24.21
	12893	W. R. Culbreath	15.25
	12894	F. C. Elliot	20.95
	26073	H. G. Morton	485.90
	26074	A. R. Williams	449.33
	26075	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	26076	M. O. Barco	387.93
	26077	J. L. Dedge	367.40
	26078	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	26079	W. Howell	342.15
	26080	C. E. Halley	350.45
	26081	C. M. Greene	49.35
	26082	R. N. Landers	27.41
	26083	Blue Cross of Florida	20.45
	26084	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	26085	Professional Life Insurance Co.	5.25
	26086	State Retirement	205.54
	26087	Federal Tax	521.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1955			\$ 4,517.25

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of July 1, 1955	\$ 225.00
Receipts	250.00
Disbursements .....	.00
BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 1955	\$ 475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
July 15, 1955	\$ 759.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	759.10

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
7-30-55	25682	E. Hewitt	\$ 373.86
	25683	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	25684	Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company	7.75
	25685	State Retirement	26.97
	25686	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			
FOR THE MONTH			\$ 771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot recommends approval of Report No. 615 listing thirty-two (32) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and thirty-one (31) quitclaim deeds, releasing state road right of way reserved by the Trustees in original deeds, all approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 615 as presented and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Citrus County tax sale certificate No. 348 of 1930, the Attorney General's Office having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 16, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented application from H. P. Sapp, Secretary of Treasure Cove, Inc., to dredge in St. Andrews Bay, Bay County, and remove two thousand (2000) yards of material, for which he offers five cents (5¢) per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize lease in favor of Mr. Sapp for removing material as applied for at the price offered.

William R. Neblett, on behalf of Julian J. Marks Estate, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 4.12 acres of bay bottom land in Monroe County adjacent to his upland property in the City of Key West, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for sale, subject to objections only, based on the appraised price.

David L. Shannon, on behalf of Dr. Roger S. Williams, offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for 0.7 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only based on the offer to pay the appraised price for the land.

W. W. Shealey makes application for extension of one year on his Timber Lease No. 603. The lease covers all of the unsurveyed lands and water bottoms owned by the state comprising that area known as Lake Miccosukee in Township 2 North, Ranges 3 and 4 East, Jefferson County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees extend lease No. 603 for one year under the same terms and conditions.

Letter was presented from Mrs. J. B. Whitfield in which she stated that she was vacating the building which the Trustees recently purchased from the Whitfield Estate, across Monroe Street, east of the Capitol Building, and that she would like further time in which to clear the basement and attic as she will be unable to complete that work by the 15th of August. Mrs. Whitfield also requested that she be given refusal of the glass doors on the built-in book cases in the study when the Trustees are through with them.

Without objection the request from Mrs. Whitfield for further time to vacate the basement and attic was granted, subject to approval of Treasurer Larson, who will occupy the building.

Florida Board of Forestry requests that the Trustees concur in land exchange between said board and National Turpentine and Pulpwood Corporation, through which exchange the Forestry Board

will convey to said company 45 acres in Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 19 East, Baker County and 11.4 acres in Sections 22 and 23, Township 5 South, Range 19 East, Union County, and receive in exchange 59.82 acres in Section 24, Township 3 South, Range 19 East, Baker County. The parcel to be acquired by the Forestry Department is desirable as a nursery site and lies contiguous to Olustee Nursery.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the Forestry Department and concur in exchange of land as outlined.

Letter was presented from United States Congressman Dante B. Fascell with reference to resolution adopted by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund April 12, 1955, requesting that the United States Senators and Representatives in Congress sponsor legislation through which title will be quieted in the state to small islands and keys in Monroe County and along the Florida Keys. Mr. Fascell stated that the U. S. Department is anxious to settle this question and he would like to know what plans the Trustees have made to hold a discussion on the subject.

Mr. Elliot explained that it will be necessary to secure the plats showing the keys and make examination as to the character of each; that it will be advisable to have something reliable to go on.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to secure the necessary data for preparing statement with recommendations to submit to the Federal Government.

Mr. Elliot called attention to the parking lot east of the Rose Printing Company property recently purchased by the Trustees. The lot has been used since the first of April principally as parking areas for the Legislature. Prior to that time it was leased to a private individual for parking.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees do not make any lease arrangements for private use of the lot east of Rose Printing Company; that the lot be devoted to use for parking for state officials and employees and that the allocation for such use be assigned to the Committee in charge of Capitol Center Parking.

Request was submitted from the Land Office for purchase of one dozen binders for permanent deed records at an approximate cost of \$400.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Land Office be authorized to purchase the deed binders as requested.

Mr. Benjamin W. Heath, President of Coastal Petroleum Company, Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Julius Parker of Tallahassee,

attorney for said company, Mr. Jim Brook and Mr. Lawrence W. Truett, representing California Company, appeared before the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for the purpose of requesting approval by said Trustees of proposed assignments from Coastal Petroleum Company to California Company under Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified.

Mr. Julius Parker presented form of resolution setting forth the proposal, together with copy of contract executed between the two companies outlining the conditions to be carried out by each of the parties thereto. Mr. Parker explained the terms of the resolution and contract and stated that in conference with Mr. Moriarty, Assistant Attorney General, certain questions were raised as to language used in the proposed resolution. He stated that the request is in compliance with the terms of the said leases and he urged that the Trustees adopt the resolution today.

At the request of Attorney General Ervin, Mr. Moriarty explained his reasons as being that there had not been opportunity to properly examine the contract between the two companies and there were certain conditions therein that he felt should have further study before he could recommend to the Trustees that the resolution be approved.

After discussion of the subject, the proposed resolution and contract were referred to the Attorney General for study and report as to his recommendations; that if the Attorney General can complete his report by Friday, the 19th, a special meeting will be called to take final action on the request from Coastal Petroleum Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	420.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	420.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
Capital City National Bank — \$250,000.00	
Florida State Turnpike 3¼ % Revenue	
Bonds at 98¼, plus accrued interest 4-1	
to 8-9-55	248,513.90
The Tallahassee Bank & Trust Co.—\$250,-	
000.00 Florida State Turnpike 3¼ %	
Revenue Bonds at 98¼, plus accrued	
interest 4-1 to 8-19-66	248,739.58
3% Transfer to General Revenue	7,598.07

Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission—Purchase of part of Lots 52, 53 & 54, South of Mayo Building	18,283.33
Weldon G. Starry, Tallahassee, Fla.—For purchase of part of Lots 173 & 174 south of Governor's Mansion	32,000.00
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel vouchers	54.70
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	158.97
DeLand Sun News—Advertising land sale	33.35
Stuart Daily News, Inc.—Advertising land sale	16.10
The Collier County News—Advertising land sale	15.33
The Key West Citizen—Advertising land sale	42.93
Sarasota Herald-Tribune — Advertising land sale	24.15
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach., Fla.—Appraisal of land	42.94
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	53.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., West Palm Beach—Appraisal	250.00
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County—Taxes	6.12
James Carr, Washington—Refund of part of advertising cost of land sale	1.70
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	1.49
C. B. Arbogast, Stuart—Appraisal	25.00
Anderson & Carr, West Palm Beach—Appraisal	50.00
Tallahassee Democrat—Advertising oil lease	147.89
The Palm Beach Post-Times—Advertising oil lease	157.50
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News—Advertising oil lease	135.70
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	154.16
Southeastern Telephone Co.	94.50
The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	12.16
Leon Blueprinting Co.	8.74
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture—For photostat	1.70
Railway Express Co.	2.01
Capital Paper Co.	14.90
Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.46
Lakeland Abstract Co.	15.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisals	454.40
The Clearwater Sun	16.10
The St. Augustine Record	16.87
The Tampa Morning Tribune	39.90
The Palm Beach Times-Post	140.00
Tallahassee Democrat	122.07
TOTAL	\$562,704.71

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 616 listing thirteen (13) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and Part Hillsborough County Quitclaim Deed No. 08-Ch. 21684, issued in favor of Margaret D. Crepps, for releasing state road reservation as approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Report No. 616 be approved with authority for execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Request was presented for refund of \$135.00 to E. S. Fowler as reimbursement for purchase of 3 acres of land included in Hernando County Deed No. 576.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$135.00 in favor of Mr. Fowler, who has executed quitclaim deed covering the three acres erroneously sold.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Marion and Wakulla Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
E. S. Fowler, c/o Clerk Circuit Court, Hernando County—Refund, Deed No. 576	135.00
TOTAL	\$ 906.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LE ROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

August 19, 1955

A special meeting of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund was held on this date in the Governor's Office at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

At the meeting August 16, 1955, Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company submitted request for approval by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of certain proposed assignments set forth in a contract entered into between the two companies, dated August 1, 1955.

The applicants presented a form of resolution for adoption by the Trustees and the said resolution, together with the contract between the two companies, was referred to the Attorney General for study and report.

The Attorney General presented a form of resolution prepared by his office which he feels is adequate for carrying out the request of Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company.

Upon consideration of the resolution, motion was made, seconded and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Section 13 of each of Florida State Drilling Leases Numbers 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, it is provided that any assignments of any of the rights of Coastal Petroleum Company may be assigned in whole or in part only after written consent thereto from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida is first obtained, and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company, a Florida corporation, and The California Company, a California corporation, entered into a contract dated the 1st day of August, 1955, which contemplates a joint operation in the future, of certain parts or all of said Florida State Drilling Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, and

WHEREAS, a copy of said contract between Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company has been exhibited to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for their inspection and approval, and to become a part of the permanent files of the Trustees, as a part of this Resolution, and the Trustees having examined said agreement, it is upon consideration thereof:

RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, at a meeting assembled in the State Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida, on the 19th day of August, A.D. 1955, that the contract dated August 1, 1955, between Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company, involving State Leases No. 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, is herein and hereby approved

and there is also herein and hereby approved assignments by the Coastal Petroleum Company to The California Company of all of the interest which the Coastal Petroleum Company has in the oil, gas, sulphur and other liquid hydrocarbons in the 160 acre drill sites specified in said contract, together with an undivided one-half interest in the oil, gas, sulphur and other liquid hydrocarbons in all or any part of the 4,500,000 acres of the land covered by said State Leases. The selection of acreage which is assigned shall be made by The California Company from time to time under and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the said contract between Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company which is attached to and approved by this Resolution. The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall be notified by The California Company within thirty (30) days after The California Company has received such assignments of all or any part of said acres or areas by being furnished with a copy of such instrument making said assignments which shall contain the legal description of the acreage and area assigned. The contract dated August 1, 1955, between Coastal Petroleum Company and the assignments by the Coastal Petroleum Company to The California Company which are herein and hereby approved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall not operate in any instance to modify, abrogate or cause the novation of the obligations, liabilities or duties of either the Coastal Petroleum Company or the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, created by virtue of said Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, and the Coastal Petroleum Company is not released from any of its obligations, liabilities, duties or penalties for any forfeiture, as defined and expressed in the said State Leases No. 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, by virtue of this approval of the said contract and the said assignments to The California Company. Furthermore, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida do not, by the approval of the contract dated August 1, 1955, heretofore referred to herein, expand or enlarge any of the estate, rights or privileges granted under said Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified. The said contract herein approved is limited to the development through the joint efforts of the original lessee and The California Company of the estates, rights and privileges previously granted in said leases.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida shall not arbitrarily withhold approval of any reassignments of any of said acreage to the Coastal Petroleum Company by The California Company under the terms of the contract between said parties hereto attached upon the presentation to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida by the Coastal Petroleum Company of such reassignments with the request that the Trustees approve the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as to any and all acres and areas assigned to The California Company by virtue of the approval contained in this Resolution, The California Company and the Coastal Petroleum Company shall be jointly and severally bound to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of

Florida by the terms, conditions and covenants contained in said State Leases No. 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, and from and after the date of this Resolution The California Company shall be bound by the said terms, conditions and covenants contained in the said leases the same as if it were an original party to the said leases. Should the Coastal Petroleum Company fail to perform, comply with and abide by the terms, covenants and conditions contained in State Leases No. 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified, such failure on the part of the Coastal Petroleum Company to perform, comply with and abide by the covenants in the said leases shall not, in any way, prejudice, affect, abrogate or diminish any right, interest or benefit which has or may accrue to The California Company by virtue of any assignments made to The California Company by the Coastal Petroleum Company, as authorized and approved by this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution, with the terms and conditions incorporated herein is passed at the request of the Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company and its authorized agents did, in the presence of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, state that their respective companies would be bound by the terms and conditions contained herein.

DONE this 19th day of August, A.D. 1955.

Copy of Resolution, together with signed copy of Contract and Joint Operating Agreement between Coastal Petroleum Company and The California Company dated August 1, 1955, were ordered filed in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LE ROY COLLINS,
Governor — Chairman

Attest: F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
August 30, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated August 2, 9 and 16, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Recommendation was presented from Central Investment Advisory Service that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund invest in \$100,000.00 of Florida State Improvement Commission Manatee County Bridge Revenue Bonds with an interest rate of 3.50%.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of \$100,000.00 of Manatee County Bridge Revenue Bonds as follows:

\$30,000.00 due August 1, 1980 at 99.18

\$70,000.00 due August 1, 1981 at 99.16

with accrued interest.

Attention was called to action taken by the Trustees at a special called meeting August 19, 1955, at which a resolution was adopted having reference to request from Coastal Petroleum Company for approval of assignments from Coastal to The California Company under provisions of Leases 224-A, 224-B and 248, all as modified.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and carried, that the Trustees confirm action taken August 19, 1955, in reference to adoption of a resolution by which approval was given to Coastal Petroleum Company for making assignments to The California Company, and approval of a certain contract entered into between the two companies.

Mr. Wells reported that four (4) sales were advertised to be held August 23, but a quorum of the Trustees was not present; that description of the land in each county was called out and objections received. The sales are as follows:

1. BROWARD COUNTY—On July 12, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$3,050.00 an acre from Morton O. Wester, Jr., on behalf of Fred C. Harrison and wife and Livingston L. Biddle II and wife, for a parcel of submerged land in Hillsboro Bay in Section 29, Township 48 South, Range 43 East, lying easterly of and contiguous to Lots 8 and 9, Block 10 of Hillsboro Shores, containing 0.068 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on July 22, 29, August 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with sale to be held on date advertised. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the record of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on date advertised and advised that no objections had been filed up to the time of sale.

B. M. Shotkin was present and verbally protested the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Harrison and Biddle at the appraised price of \$3,050.00 an acre.

2. **DADE COUNTY**—On June 28, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$180.00 an acre from James W. Moore, on behalf of George Stamos, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Sections 20 and 29, Township 56 South, Range 42 East, said parcels lying easterly of and adjacent to Ragged Keys 2 and 4, containing 68 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on July 22, 29, August 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with sale to be held on date advertised. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that objections have been filed by Nat Ratner, who signed the letter as Treasurer of Biscayne Bay Conservation Association, on the ground that the sale of this area would interfere with the proposed highway through the Keys.

Mr. Moore was present and asked that he be allowed to withdraw his application, as he has learned that the law does not allow sale of these parcels.

B. M. Shotkin was present and verbally protested the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees cancel the sale of Dade County land, the applicant having withdrawn his application.

3. **SARASOTA COUNTY**—On July 12, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from Walter S. Hardin, on behalf of O. T. Alexander and A. L. Robins, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land, Parcel No. 1 containing 2.8 acres in Lemon Bay in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, and Parcel No. 2 containing 16.2 acres in Lemon Bay in Sections 26 and 35, Township 40 South, Range 19 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for sale subject to objections only as required by law and notice of the sale was advertised in the Sarasota Herald on July 22, 29, August 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with sale to be held on date advertised. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description of the land out on date advertised and stated that no objects had been received at the time of the sale.

B. M. Shotkin was present and verbally protested sale of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the Sarasota County land in favor of Messrs. Alexander and Robins at the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre.

4. **VOLUSIA COUNTY**—On July 12, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from James R. Altavilla for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 26, Township 14 South, Range 32 East, lying easterly of and contiguous to Lot 6 of Newton Subdivision, containing 0.27 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objec-

tions only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on July 22, 29, August 5, 12 and 19, 1955, with sale to be held August 23, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called description of the land out on date advertised for sale and stated that no objection had been filed.

B. M. Shotkin verbally protested sale of the land.

Mr. Wells reported, with reference to the Volusia County sale, that the land is located within an area covered by a recent Act of the Legislature which carries a referendum, and it was suggested that action on said sale be withheld until after the election is held.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees withhold confirmation of Volusia County sale until after the election which is required by law.

B. M. Shotkin asked that his protest to sale of all lands which had been advertised for objections only since 1953 be recorded in the minutes; that he would be willing to offer as much as five times more than the Trustees get for most of the land; that he is not the only one, as the newspapers also have objected to these sales.

Attorney General Ervin stated that for the record he would like Mr. Wells to verify the fact that the Trustees have for many years made no sales of submerged land to other than the adjacent owner. Mr. Wells confirmed the statement of the Attorney General.

Mr. Shotkin asked that the records show that he protested the sales.

The following applications were presented from adjoining upland owners for purchase of submerged land:

1. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of A. S. Van Goidtsnoven, offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.189 of an acre adjacent to his upland property in Maloney's Subdivision of Stock Island, Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.
A counter offer of \$100.00 for the parcel is recommended.
2. LeRoy Chambers, James E. Campbell and Thomas L. Campbell offer \$200.00 an acre for 0.9 of an acre adjacent to their upland property in Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, Monroe County.
3. John P. Goggin, on behalf of O. B. Cravey, offers \$168.00 for 0.84 of an acre of submerged land in Bogie Channel in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County. Price offered is at the rate of \$200.00 an acre and is the appraised price on the land.
4. H. C. Hudgins offers \$200.00 an acre for 0.34 of an acre adjacent to his upland property in Section 36, Township 66

South, Range 28 East, Monroe County. A counter offer of \$100.00 for the parcel is recommended.

5. John P. Goggin, on behalf of Glenn H. Curtiss, Jr., offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.1 acres in Section 10, and 3.5 acres in Sections 2 and 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County, adjacent to upland property of applicant.
6. Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of James S. Y. Ivins and Ruth Irene Ivins, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1 acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 24, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, Grassy Key, Monroe County.
7. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Dr. J. M. Renedo, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.78 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property on Stock Island in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.
8. Evans Crary, on behalf of Willard M. Kiplinger, makes application to purchase 13.97 acres of submerged land adjoining applicant's upland property on the east side of Sewalls Point, Martin County. The appraised price for this parcel is \$1,400.00 for the 13.97 acres.
9. Charles B. McAdam, on behalf of Charles Reese, offers the appraised price of \$40.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land lying in front of his upland property in Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, comprising 2.9 acres, more or less, in St. Lucie County.
10. Frank Wotitzky, on behalf of Glenn I. Griggs and wife, makes application to purchase 4.18 acres of submerged land adjacent to applicants' upland property in Section 21, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County. A price of \$100.00 an acre is recommended for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the ten parcels of land described, based on the offers submitted and the prices as suggested and recommended in each case, it being understood that the prices fixed are not less than the appraised price.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land:

Thomas E. Nordmann offers \$10.00 an acre for Government Lot 1 of Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 8.24 acres, more or less, in Volusia County.

Ben Slater, on behalf of Al Jacobson, offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, Broward County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the two parcels of land for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted.

The House of Refuge Museum, Martin County Historical Society, Stuart, Florida, a non-profit educational organization, requests a perpetual lease on four (4) miles of ocean front, one mile into the ocean, for the purpose of searching for unclaimed sunken treasure.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize a five-year lease in favor of applicants, said lease to cover search for relics only and description of the property to be furnished by applicants.

The State Road Department requests deed from the Trustees to a parcel of land, comprising 8 acres, more or less, of submerged bottoms in Sections 1 and 12, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, the land to be used for right of way purposes in connection with State Road No. 595-Sec. 1502-113.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the State Road Department of the parcel applied for, to be used as road right of way.

Robert W. Curry offers \$300.00 an acre for purchase of 0.125 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to his upland property in Section 30, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees make counter proposal to convey the land without advertising, upon payment of \$100.00 for the parcel.

O. S. Thacker, on behalf of Roy Graves, offers \$100.00 an acre for 3.06 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Tohopekaliga adjacent to his upland property in Section 28, Township 25 South, Range 29 East, Osceola County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Graves and convey the land without advertisement.

Mr. Wells reported that on July 7, 1953, J. H. Anderson was the successful bidder at \$32.25 an acre for Lots 4 and 5, Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, containing 126.44 acres in Gilchrist County. Mr. Anderson failed to consummate the sale at that time. He now requests that deed be issued to him upon payment of \$32.25 per acre plus six percent (6%) interest.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land bid in by Mr. Anderson in 1953, upon payment at the rate of \$32.25 an acre, plus interest at 6% per annum from date of sale.

Cove Contractors, Inc., makes application for an exclusive lease to excavate and remove materials from the Old Spoil Island on the westerly side of the St. Johns River, extending from the Fulton-Dames cut-off to Broward Point Turn, commonly known as Quarantine Island. The company proposes to build a mooring facility on the island for barge operation and provide equipment such as sand dryers and rock crushers for processing the material available. Applicant offers ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all material removed, together with a minimum guarantee of \$15.00 per month, and agrees to furnish bond in amount of \$1,000.00. The parcel is located in Duval County.

Mr. Wells stated that the U. S. Engineer Office has approved the request.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year lease in favor of Cove Contractors, Inc., upon terms and conditions as outlined, said lease to be issued subject to restrictions of the U. S. Engineers.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees received a deed from the state to 460.61 acres of tax reverted land—Chapter 18296—in Indian River County, a part of which is under lease to Florida Minerals Company. It appears that there were approximately \$12,000.00 in drainage taxes due on the property before title passed to the Trustees, and the Attorney General's Office advises that the Trustees will have to pay the taxes or work out settlement with the district. The district offers to clear title on the basis of \$10.00 an acre.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees make counter proposal to pay Indian River Farms Drainage District \$5.00 per acre to clear the title, or will sell to the district on the basis of \$5.00 per acre subject to full mineral reservations.

Mr. Tony Salvino and Mr. John U. Lloyd, County Commissioners of Broward County, presented request that the Trustees convey to the county without cost an area of state land lying between U. S. Highway 27 and Levee 37 of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, said land being described as Tracts 41 and 43 of Section 3, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, and that part of SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, lying East of Levee 37, containing a total of 44 acres.

The plans approved by the county call for starting work on the park this year with provision to be made for a public bathing beach, boat docks, recreation area and fishing camp sites.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to Broward County, without cost, of the land applied for, the deed to include the public purpose clause and provide for return of title to the Trustees should

the land not be used for park and recreation purpose of the county, subject to the plan of the county being submitted to the Engineer and Secretary for approval.

Mr. Elliot reported that considerable damage and trespass is being done in several meandered lakes of the state, title to the bottoms of which is in the state, and he requests authority from the Trustees to take the necessary steps to protect the meandered lakes of the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to take the necessary measures to prevent trespass and damage to the meandered lakes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees make available to the Attorney General \$250.00 per month for ten months to be paid to Mr. Charles L. Vocelle, an Assistant Attorney General, said salary to be effective September 1, 1955.

Mr. Elliot reported that there would be insufficient funds in the Murphy Act appropriation to allow an increase in salary of one of the employees under the Murphy Act who also performs work amounting to about one-half time for the Trustees under Chapter 610; that he was asking for authority to place Mrs. Mary Clare Pichard on the Trustees' payroll in amount of \$230.00 for the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment to Mrs. Pichard from Trustees' funds in amount of \$230.00 per annum.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 617 was presented for approval, listing thirty-eight (38) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 617 and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Alachua, Jefferson, Okaloosa and Pinellas Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state to the lands covered by said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

Leroy Collins,
Governor—Chairman

Attest: E. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 6, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented application from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of clients, with offer of \$50.00 an acre for an estimated 434 acres of submerged land in Sections 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 33, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, located on Terra Ceia Island, Manatee County. The area adjoins upland property owned by applicant.

Mr. Wells stated that he has an appraisal of \$90.00 an acre and recommends that advertisement for objections be conditioned upon Mr. Fuller offering the appraised price.

Mr. Fuller also offers the sum of \$100.00 in toto for a deed to the uplands in Section 27, covered by the so-called Knott Traverse, and the so-called uplands in Sections 27 and 28, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County, said land being claimed by Mr. W. V. Knott and by the First National Bank of Bradenton. Clients of Mr. Fuller have acquired the equities of Mr. Knott and of the First National Bank of Bradenton. Mr. Fuller presented a map showing ownership of his clients and the submerged areas for which he is making application to purchase.

It was explained that a portion of the submerged land will adjoin the right of way of the Sunshine Skyway, and discussion was had as to whether or not the proposed filling and development will be detrimental to the scenic value of the Skyway. Also, the Trustees desire information as to the attitude of the States Road Department, and whether there would be any objection to filling up to the Skyway right of way.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the area applied for might be drawn in, and he also explained that applicant would not be able to fill the entire area applied for as it would be necessary to take material from a large part of the submerged bottoms to fill the land which adjoins the submerged area.

Without objection, action on the application was postponed pending discussion with the Road Department and engineers for the Skyway.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Lake Apopka Recreation, Water Conservation and Control Authority for a loan of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for providing water control struc-

tures in Lake Apopka. Information furnished is that the Authority expects to repay the loan within one year from a one mill tax which will be levied against all property in Orange County, and that there is legislative authority for procuring the loan not to exceed one year, not including renewals.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize loan of ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) for one year, without interest, thereafter, if renewed, any renewal to bear interest at the rate of three percent (3%) per annum.

Mr. Elliot was requested to have the necessary instrument drawn for approval by the Attorney General.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

September 13, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated August 19, 30 and September 6, 1955, were presented with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

MONROE COUNTY — On July 26, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Commonwealth Oil Company to lease land in Monroe County, being submerged areas designated as Tracts 1 and 2, and certain Government water front lots in Township 65 South, Ranges 28 and 30 East; Township 66 South, Ranges 28 and 29 East, and Township 67 South, Range 27 East, comprising an estimated total of 734,760 acres. Applicants offered five cents (5c) per acre initial cash consideration or bonus and delay rental of five

cents (5c) per acre per annum. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for sealed competitive bids and notice was published in the Key West Citizen and the Tallahassee Democrat on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with bids to be received on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the area was called out and Mr. Wells announced that two sealed bids have been received. The following bids were opened:

Commonwealth Oil Company.....	\$ 60,000.00
The California Company.....	1,106,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$1,106,000.00 from The California Company, and execute lease under the usual terms and conditions.

DADE COUNTY — On July 19, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 from Thomas S. Hodson for a parcel of land beginning 90 feet East of the SE Corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, thence East to West boundary of FEC right of way; thence northwesterly along said R/W to south boundary of 12th Street in Florida City; thence west to point north of point of beginning; thence south to point of beginning; containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less, in Section 25, Township 57 South, Range 38 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$500.00, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald, Miami, Florida, on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out, and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$3,530.00 being made by Thomas S. Hodson for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid—\$3,530.00 for the parcel—and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hodson.

LEE COUNTY — On July 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from Leonard Santini for purchase of three (3) mangrove flats or islands in Estero Bay described as follows:

- Island No. 1: In Sections 2 and 3, containing 96.2 acres, more or less;
- Island No. 2: In Section 2, containing 23.8 acres, more or less;
- Island No. 3: In Sections 1 and 2, comprising 77.4 acres, more or less.

All in Township 47 South, Range 24 East.

The Trustees agreed to advertise the islands for competitive bids, starting at \$50.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in

the Fort Myers News on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells reported that the County Commissioners of Lee County have requested that a right of way be reserved across the island for road purposes.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$300.00 an acre being made by Ed Wright, on behalf of American Mortgage Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$300.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of American Mortgage Company, subject to right of way across the islands for county road purposes.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY — On July 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Florence U. Lord, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sections 28 and 33, Township 41 South, Range 20 East, containing 17.58 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Florence U. Lord, the adjacent upland owner, at the price offered which is equal to the appraised price on the land.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY: On July 26, 1955, the Trustees considered application from the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County for conveyance, without cost, of a parcel of submerged land in Matanzas River in Sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, Township 8 South, Range 30 East. The county requests the land for road purposes. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the St. Augustine Record on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of St. Johns County without cost, the deed to contain a restriction that the land is to be used for public road purposes of the county.

MANATEE COUNTY — The Trustees on August 2, 1955, considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Lucille M. Lundblad, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay in Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Lots 23 and 24, Subdivision of Longboat Key, containing 3.64 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on August 12, 19, 26 and September 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mrs. Lundblad at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY — On July 12, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Henry Esteva for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 6, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, containing 0.31 of an acre, adjacent to his upland property. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were made to the sale. Mr. Wells recommended that the sale be consummated provided applicant will pay \$100.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to consummate sale in favor of Mr. Esteva upon payment of \$100.00 for the parcel.

MONROE COUNTY — On July 26, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$189.00 an acre from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Stanley Switlik, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel in Section 35, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, containing 5.53 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Switlik at the price offered — \$189.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY — On July 19, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 from Richard H. Hunt, for purchase of a small point, sand bar or shallow bank consisting of one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) acre, more or less, located near the east end of Angelfish Creek and separated from Angelfish Key mainland by a channel not less than five (5) feet deep. The parcel is located in Section 5, Township 59 South, Range 41 East, and is rectangular in shape, approximately 55 feet in width and 400 feet in length, paralleling and adjacent to the south shelf of the channel of Angelfish Creek. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 5, 12, 19, 26 and September 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hunt at the price offered — \$250.00 for the parcel.

The United States Government makes application for a ten-year extension of Lease No. 386, from its expiration date June 30, 1956. The area is used for a wildlife refuge and is located in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Lee County.

It was recommended that the extension be granted subject to cancellation in the event the land should be sold at any time during the life of the lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 386 for a period of ten years from June 30, 1956, said extension to be subject to cancellation upon sale of the land.

Freeman, Inc., makes application for a five year extension of its Mineral Lease No. 925, upon the same terms and conditions. The land is located in St. Johns, Nassau and Duval Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two (2) year extension of Lease No. 925 from its expiration date, April 1, 1956.

C. M. Greene makes the following offers to lease land in Palm Beach County:

On behalf of Larry Nash — offer of \$12.00 an acre for Farm Lease to expire June 30, 1956, on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 40 acres, more or less; and

On behalf of C. A. Thompson — offer of \$12.00 an acre for Farm Lease to expire June 30, 1956, on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, containing 160 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize leases in favor of Messrs. Nash and Thompson at the price offered — \$12.00 an acre.

Zell T. Altman, city attorney, makes application on behalf of the City of Lake Worth, for approximately 21.4 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, to be used for a sewage disposal plant. The City offers \$22.00 for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only based on offer from the City of Lake Worth.

The following applications were presented to purchase submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Mrs. Marjorie Toner, offers the appraised value of \$200.00 an acre for 1.3 acres adjacent to her upland property in Section 24, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County;
2. William R. Neblett, on behalf of D. William Cahill, offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for 11.1 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 27, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offers from applicants.

Wallace M. Joplin offers \$5.00 an acre, on behalf of W. H. Dicks, for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 18 East, Union County.

Mr. Wells recommends that the offer be declined and a starting bid of \$15.00 an acre be fixed for advertising the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Dicks and agree to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at \$15.00 an acre.

Florida Power and Light Company requests an easement across a small island in Peace River, located in Section 14, Township 40 South, Range 23 East, Charlotte County, for the erection and maintenance of poles as will be necessary for the transmission lines across the island.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement in favor of Florida Power and Light Company across the land described, payment to be at the usual rate.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for a right of way and the right to dredge outward from the ordinary high water mark in Biscayne Bay through tidal marshes bordering the Bay. The right of way will comprise 260 feet in width through Sections 22 and 27, Township 56 South, Range 40 East, in Dade County, and will extend Goulds and Black Creek canals designated as "C-1". The District states that private interests will dredge the canals without cost to State or District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way as requested.

Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation and Control Authority requests an easement deed from the Trustees over a portion of sawgrass and marsh land in Section 2, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, for use in constructing the channel of Haines Creek.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement deed issued, without cost, in favor of the Oklawaha Basin Authority for the purposes described.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Elliot, the Secretary and Engineer, be authorized to have his offices painted, the cost estimated to be approximately \$325.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a long carriage typewriter for use in the Secretary's office and in the Land Office for the bookkeeping work.

Mr. Elliot presented maps and explained the advisability of procuring maps covering certain areas in the Florida Keys. The proposed maps will cover the Island of Key West and parts of Matecumbe and other keys up to Key Largo, the cost of which might run as high as twelve hundred dollars (\$1200.00). Mr. Elliot pointed out some overlapping sales which he feels can be corrected, based on information from such maps, and errors avoided in the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to procure the necessary maps recommended by him; also that he be requested to proceed with correcting the sale of the overlapping area as disclosed by the map submitted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$75.00 in favor of Indian River Broadcasting Company, representing the unearned portion of Lease No. 461, which has been cancelled.

Marine Seismic Surveys of Dallas, Texas, makes application for permit to conduct geophysical surveys in the Gulf of Mexico, the general area of which is bounded on the West by longitude $87^{\circ} 20'$, on the South by latitude $27^{\circ} 20'$, and on the North and East by the coastline of the State of Florida; operations to be not closer the shore than the 20 foot water depth line and not farther seaward than the 200 foot water depth line. Applicant states that the method of operation will be reflection Seismograph method; charge to consist of $16 \frac{2}{3}$ pounds of nitramon and will be suspended 1500 feet behind the boat, charges to be detonated approximately 6 feet below the surface of the water. No pipe will be used in the operation and no holes drilled or other disturbance to the sub-surface terrain; floating markers will be properly flagged in daytime and properly lighted at night; all shooting to be done during daylight hours and any vessels operating in the vicinity will be notified in advance of the charge.

Upon recommendation of Mr. Elliot, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize preparation of a permit covering the area described in the application, excepting however those areas for which the Trustees have issued oil leases, and as to those areas that with the consent in writing from lessee, copy to Trustees, and subject to Trustees' approval, permittee may conduct its operations upon said lease areas not closer to shore than the 20-foot water depth, subject to conditions outlined in the application and limited to areas within the territorial boundary of the State of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico. Permit to require periodic reports from the Company, giving information as to progress of the exploration and any other pertinent data the Company feels would be of value to the Trustees; that with reference to any explorations outside the territorial boundary of the State, the Trustees will furnish a statement that no objections are interposed. The permit will carry such other conditions as are deemed necessary. Proposed permit to be submitted to the Trustees for final action.

Several letters were presented from Garden Clubs in the Miami-Miami Beach area as follows:

Tropical Garden Club
 South Miami Garden Club
 Organic Garden Club of South Florida
 Sunshine Gardens

all with reference to the operation of Watson Park by the City of Miami.

Mr. Elliot explained that this land was a part of a conveyance from the Trustees to the City of Miami for park purposes; that the Trustees had agreed to several short term leases in that area but it was intended originally for a public park; that the proper procedure would be for the garden clubs to take the subject up with the City Commission of Miami as it was a local matter for the city to work out with the Clubs.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees request Mr. Elliot to go to Miami and contact the Clubs making protest and also see the City Officials with a view to ascertaining what plans they have for improving Watson Park.

Florida Wildlife Federation of St. Petersburg, Florida, requests that the Trustees suspend action on all pending and future applications for purchase of publicly owned submerged lands by private interests until current investigations of same by the Water Resources Study Commission and by State and Federal agencies have been completed and report made to the Trustees.

Without objections the request was taken under consideration and for future action by the full board, only three members being present on this date.

Financial Statements for Month of August, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of August 1, 1955	330,861.86
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$ 80,668.53
Quitclaim Deeds	280.00
Grazing Leases	180.50
Sand and Shell Leases	6,343.68
Oil Leases	275,281.46
Advertising	441.09
Timber Leases	122.91
Miscellaneous Leases	\$296.00
Less returned check 100.00	
Net	196.00
Mineral Leases	1,848.88
Revenue Bonds	250,902.78
Campsite Leases	298.00
Fill Material	920.00
Certified Copy of Trustees' Minutes	2.00
Farm Leases	1,525.60
Total Receipts for August, 1955	619,011.43
GRAND TOTAL	949,873.29
Less Disbursements for August, 1955	611,789.50
BALANCE AS OF AUGUST 31, 1955	\$338,083.79

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8-8-55	18710	State Treasurer—Tr. to G. R. ...	\$ 7,598.07
	21820	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	42.94
	21821	Harry M. McWhorter	53.00
	21822	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	250.00
	21823	James Carr	1.70

8-9-55	22759	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	54.70
	22012	Capital City National Bank	248,513.90
8-11-55	26312	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	154.16
	26313	Southeastern Telephone Co.	94.50
	26314	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	12.16
	26315	Leon Blueprinting Co.	8.74
	26316	Nathan Mayo, Com. of Agricul.	1.70
	26317	Railway Express Co.	2.01
	26318	Capital Paper Co.	14.90
8-12-55	27961	Weldon G. Starry	32,000.00
8-15-55	27968	State Treasurer—Tr. to State School Fund	13,507.89
	27969	State Treasurer—Tr. to State School Fund	18,577.16
	27970	State Treasurer—Tr. to State Board Conservation ...	6,950.55
	27971	State Treasurer—Tr. to State Board Conservation ...	8,132.53
	29281	DeLand Sun News	33.35
	29282	Stuart Daily News, Inc.	16.10
	29283	The Collier County News	15.33
	29284	The Key West Citizen	42.93
	29285	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	24.15
8-17-55	33919	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	5.46
	33920	Lakeland Abstract Co.	15.00
	33921	Key West Board of Realtors	454.40
	33922	The Clearwater Sun	16.10
	33923	The St. Augustine Record	16.87
	33924	The Tampa Morning Tribune ...	39.90
	33925	The Palm Beach Times-Post	140.00
	33926	Tallahassee Democrat	122.07
	33927	Sinclair Wells	158.97
	33928	Frank H. Marks, Cl. Cir. Court ..	6.12
8-18-55	35435	Tallahassee Bank & Trust Co. ...	248,739.58
8-25-55	30473	F. C. Elliot	800.00
	30474	Sinclair Wells	368.16
	30475	State Retirement	83.50
	30476	Federal Tax	140.00
	43596	Capital Office Equip. Co., Inc....	1.49
	43597	C. B. Arbogast	25.00
	43598	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	50.00
	43599	Tallahassee Democrat	147.89
	43600	The Palm Beach Post-Times	157.50
	43601	Fort Lauderdale Daily News	135.70
	43602	Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission	18,283.33
8-31-55	47291	City of Pahokee, Florida	525.00
	49274	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	49275	H. G. Morton	485.90
	49276	A. R. Williams	449.33
	49277	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	49278	M. O. Barco	387.93
	49279	J. L. Dedge	341.15

49280	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
49281	W. Howell	342.15
49282	C. E. Halley	350.45
49283	Sinclair Wells	361.21
49284	C. M. Greene	49.35
49285	R. N. Landers	27.41
49286	Blue Cross of Florida	30.10
49287	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
49288	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
49289	State Retirement	315.29
49290	Federal Tax	661.10
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR		
MONTH OF AUGUST, 1955		\$611,789.50

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of August 1, 1955	\$475.00
Receipts .....	.00
Disbursements .....	.00
Balance as of August 31, 1955	\$475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

August 1, 1955	\$4,688.63
August 15, 1955	5,147.40
Total Receipts for the Month	\$9,836.03

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
8-31-55	50550	E. Hewitt	\$ 373.86
	50551	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	50552	Provident Life & Accident	
		Ins. Co.	7.75
	50553	State Retirement	26.97
	50554	Federal Tax	79.30
Total Disbursements for the Month			\$ 771.25

MURPHY ACT SUBJECTS

Report No. 618 was presented, listing bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296, and two correction deeds as follows:

Dade County Deed No. 3837-EDDJ-Corrective-Suppl., to correct original deed dated Jan. 22, 1946, to Sam Raymond.

Taylor County Deed No. 206-Corrective-Suppl. to correct original deed to J. R. Buckhalter dated July 30, 1945.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 618 and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Daniel Dunlop and wife request conveyance under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, of the SE¼ of SE¼ of Section 3, Township 13 South, Range 19 East, containing 40 acres in Marion County, for which they offer \$200.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described, all papers being in order and provisions of the law complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates covering land in Citrus, Marion, Pinellas and Volusia Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title passed to the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RAY E. GREEN
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
September 20, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

The following applications were presented for purchase of state land:

Citrus County—George R. Davis offers \$25.00 an acre for Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 16 East, containing 181.33 acres. Appraised price \$15.00 an acre;

Dade County—Louis Falk, on behalf of Jacob Sklow, offers \$10.00 per lot for lots in Liberty Grove Subdivision, Section 5, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 8.12 acres, or 98 lots.

Mr. Wells recommends advertisement for competitive bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the two parcels advertised for competitive bids, starting at the offers submitted.

The following applications were submitted for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants:

G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Whale Harbor Spa, Inc., offers \$350.00 an acre for 0.7 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 12, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County;

George Gomez offers \$200.00 an acre for 2 acres of land adjacent to his upland on Stock Island in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the two parcels advertised for objections only based on offers submitted.

Radcliff Gravel Company makes application for extension of its Shell Lease No. 673 for an additional three-year period from October 28, 1955, to October 28, 1958, under the same terms and conditions as the original lease carries.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize three-year extension of Lease No. 673 as requested.

K. C. Smith makes application for extension of his Grazing Lease No. 610 for a period of one (1) year from September 15, 1955, under the same terms and conditions.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of one year on Lease No. 610 under the same terms and conditions.

A resolution was presented from Samuel G. Johnson, president of Suncoast League of Municipalities, requesting that the Trustees do not sell any submerged lands where such submerged lands lie either wholly or partially within the corporate limits of any municipality on the West Coast of Florida.

Mr. Wells explained that it is the policy of the Land Office to send copy of notice advertising land for sale to municipalities and boards of county commissioners where land is located within such areas, and in that way they are advised when sales are to be held which will affect their locality.

Recommendation was submitted from Mr. Elliot that the Trustees furnish the Suncoast League of Municipalities with copy of advertisement, applicable to the area affecting said municipality; and in order to do this that the Trustees ask Suncoast League to furnish the Trustees with a list of all municipalities in that league together with a plat of each municipality showing its exterior boundaries.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Land Office advise Mr. Johnson of the procedure followed by the Trustees in sending municipalities and boards of county commissioners notice of submerged sales; that if further information is desired the Trustees will be glad to furnish it; that the

recommendation of Mr. Elliot be adopted as the action of the Trustees and the Suncoast League be requested to furnish the information outlined.

Mr. Wells reported he would like to have disposition of protests filed by B. M. Shotkin to all sales of submerged lands since 1953, and recommends that said protests be overruled as the sales to which Mr. Shotkin objected were for the most part to adjoining upland owners.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the objections from Mr. Shotkin be overruled as the sales were made pursuant to the Statutes.

Resolution was presented from G. Drew Jason, Director of Suncoast League of Municipalities, requesting that before any permission is given by the Trustees to explore for oil along the Florida West Coast, the board demand and obtain, from any company granted such exploration permit, written, concrete, detailed assurances that no damage will be done to the beaches and waters as well as the marine life.

Suggestion was made that the Land Agent advise Mr. Jason of the law that governs oil exploration which prohibits any operations within three miles of any cities or beaches as well as other conditions under which drilling can be done. It was so ordered.

Along the same subject, letter was presented from Mr. R. C. Way of Winter Garden, Florida, making inquiry as to leases being granted by the Trustees on the reserved interest retained by the state and what protection the surface owner might have.

Recommendation was presented from Mr. Elliot that where leases for the mining of phosphate or other minerals involve the excavation, or otherwise changing the natural ground surface, the Trustees take action to the effect that no lease of phosphate or other minerals reserved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund in deeds to their grantees, or to holders of title descending therefrom, be made to other than the holder of title, except with the written consent to the Trustees from title holder, or where the applicant for lease from the Trustees also has a like lease from the holder of the unreserved part of such minerals, the above to apply except as to special cases which will be referred to the Trustees for action.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board.

Donald J. Bradshaw, representing Mrs. Vada M. Yeomans, requests a hearing October 5, 1955, for the purpose of discussing application to purchase submerged land in Crystal River, Section 21, Township 18 South, Range 17 East, Citrus County.

Without objection it was agreed to postpone hearing requested until after adjournment of the Special Session of the Legislature.

J. Kenneth Ballinger, on behalf of John A. Guyton, Jr., applies to purchase 12.3 acres in a dead-end slough of the St. Johns River, in Section 1, Township 20 South, Range 31 East, Seminole County.

Mr. Wells recommends that sale not be made, as the area is used as public fishing ground and should be continued as such.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the parcel applied for by Mr. Guyton.

Request was presented from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for an additional right of way through Sections 22 and 26, Township 46 South, Range 35 East, and in Section 6, Township 48 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County. The right of way comprises a strip seventy (70) feet wide each side of the present 260-foot right of way for Levee L-33, or Miami Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize right of way easement in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for the seventy-foot strip on each side of Miami Canal through the land described.

Mr. Elliot submitted for consideration an application from James E. Marsh for homestead entry on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 18 East, less the south 30 feet, containing 40 acres, said land being owned by the County of Sarasota.

All requirements having been complied with, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the application from Mr. Marsh.

Mr. Elliot submitted the following report of bonds purchased, sold and cancelled:

August 9, 1955—Sale of \$250,000.00 of F.S.I.C. Jacksonville Expressway Bonds 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % Series T, at price for which they were purchased November 29, 1950—\$248,750.00.—Trustees action July 19, 1955.

July 26, 1955—Purchase of 250 Florida State Turnpike Authority 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Turnpike Revenue bonds, Series of 1955, dated 4-1-55 due 4-1-95—Numbers 42234 to 42483, at a price of \$248,197.93—Callable at premium. Trustees' action July 19, 1955.

August 18, 1955—Purchase of 250 Florida State Turnpike 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ % Turnpike Revenue Bonds, Series of 1955, dated 4-1-55, due 4-1-95—Numbers 55370 to 55619, at a price of \$248,739.58. Trustees' action July 19 and August 2, 1955.

September 8, 1955—Purchase of 100 Manatee County F.S.I.C. Bridge Revenue Bonds 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % interest, dated August 1, 1953, due August 1, 1980—Numbers 2941 to 2970

(30 bonds); and due August 1, 1981—Numbers 3146 to 3215 (70 bonds). Action of Trustees August 30, 1955.

September 16, 1955—Redemption of F.S.I.C. Lower Tampa Bay Bridge Revenue Coupon Bonds—3.75% interest rate—par value \$1000.00 called September 1, 1955, at \$1.02½—total amount \$9,225.00—Numbers 7095, 7591, 7595, 7597, 7600, 7609, 7615, 15473 and 17123. (Notice from State Treasurer's Office.)

Request was presented for authority to have the Land Office painted at an estimated cost of \$245.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the expenditure for having the painting done as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the following salaries, expenses and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
W. Howell, Clerical Assistant	420.00
C. E. Halley, Clerical Assistant	420.00
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—	
To State Board of Conservation	5,393.38
The Lewis State Bank—For F.S.I.C. Manatee	
County Bridge Revenue Bonds	99,506.28
Indian River Broadcasting Co.—Refund.....	75.00
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel	
Vouchers for F. C. Elliot	33.35
A. R. Williams—Expenses	70.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	98.54
H. G. Morton—Expenses	1,099.79
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	102.63
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Gla.	9.19
Simmons Moving & Storage, Tallahassee, Fla.	40.00
Leon Blueprinting Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.68
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County—	
Recording fee	2.00
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
DeLand Sun News—Advertising land sale	17.25
Sarasota Herald-Tribune — Advertising land	
sale	32.20

Fort Lauderdale Daily News—Advertising land sale	16.10
The Miami Herald—Advertising land sale	71.25
The Palm Beach Post-Times—Advertising	57.50
Tallahassee Democrat—Advertising	49.30
Sarasota Appraisal Service—Appraisal	105.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach—Appraisal	43.08
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal ..	116.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.00
Leon Blueprinting Co.	33.26
Ronnie Green, Crystal River, Fla.—Appraisal	50.00
The Dade City Banner—Advertising	19.17
Sumter County Times—Advertising	13.80
Tallahassee Democrat—Advertising	56.35
The Bradenton Herald—Advertising	29.90
Punta Gorda Herald, Inc.—Advertising	21.85
The St. Augustine Record—Advertising	16.10
News-Press Publishing Co.—Advertising	28.75
The Clearwater Sun—Advertising	20.70
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	141.83
TOTAL	\$112,870.06

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 619 was submitted, listing 112 regular bids for sale of Murphy Act land, thirty-nine (39) quitclaim deeds for releasing all or a portion of the right of way reserved in original deeds for state roads, as approved by the State Road Department, and Dade County Deed No. 1585-Cor.-Suppl. to Ida DeBaecke and husband, approved for issuance by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 619 and authorize issuance and execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Indian River County submits an offer of \$100.00 for conveyance of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 33 South, Range 39 East, containing 20 acres. The offer is equal to the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer from Indian River County and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the parcel described.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
TOTAL	\$ 771.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
September 27, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of September 13, 1955, were presented with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held today:

1. DADE COUNTY—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$30.00 from Anna Fischer for purchase of Lots 8 to 12, inclusive, Block 2 (less SAL Ry. R/W), Greater Miami, Section A, B and C, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 55 South, Range 40 East, and offered \$10.00 per lot for Lots 21 and 22, Block 5, and Lots 21 and 22, Block 6, Sunset Manors, Section No. 1, a subdivision in Section 32, Township 54 South, Range 39 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lots for competitive bids with a starting offer of the bids made by Miss Fischer, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells stated that bids would be called for separately on lots in the two subdivisions.

Description of the lots in Greater Miami Heights was called out and Mr. Wells announced he has received a bid of \$750.00 from Monroe Dixon of Miami, Florida, for the lots.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$3,001.00 for Lots 8 to 12 inclusive, Block 2, from I. E. Brenner.

Description of lots in Sunset Manors was called out and Mr. Wells announced he has received bids from three parties of \$25.00 each, one from Joe Kelleher, one from Edmund Asplund, Jr., and one from Leon McLean.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$51.00 per lot from Fred Ehrenkranz for Lots 21 and 22, Block 5, and \$51.00 per lot from I. E. Brenner for Lots 21 and 22 of Block 6, Sunset Manors.

Discussion was had as to difference in value of the lots in the two subdivisions, and the Attorney General suggested that action be deferred on sale of lots in Sunset Manors until an appraisal could be made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$3,001.00 from Mr. Brenner for the lots in Greater Miami. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson and seconded by Mr. Mayo, that the Trustees accept the offers of \$51.00 per lot from Fred Ehrenkranz and I. E. Brenner for the lots in Sunset Manor. Upon vote of Mr. Green, Mr. Larson and Mr. Mayo in the affirmative, the motion was adopted. Attorney General Ervin asked that his vote be cast against the sale for the reason that he felt an appraisal should be had before taking action.

The following sales were advertised for objections only, applicants being the adjoining upland owners of the areas described:

2. MONROE COUNTY—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Paul Sawyer, on behalf of B. Ursin, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in Pine Channel, southwesterly of and adjacent to Government Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Section 16, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, and a part of Government Lot 1, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, on Big Pine Key, containing 89.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. MONROE COUNTY—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Paul Sawyer, on behalf of Joe Bucks, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land south of and adjacent to Lots 31 and 32 of Sun Krest Subdivision in part of Government Lot 1, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. **MONROE COUNTY**—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Rudolph Schlarp and Helen M. Schlarp, his wife, for purchase of an acre of submerged land in Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, which parcel commences at the west line of said Section 5, Fat Deer Key No. 1, and the centerline of U. S. Highway No. 1, and continues to the mean high water line of Bonefish Bight for the point of beginning. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. **MONROE COUNTY**—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Ray G. Polzin, et ux., for purchase of 2.9 acres of submerged land commencing at the intersection of the northerly right of way line of State Highway 4-A and the East line of Government Lot 2, Section 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Tallahassee Meridian, Key Vaca, and then to the MHWL of the Gulf of Mexico, the point of beginning. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

6. **MONROE COUNTY**—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of G. W. Sistrunk, for purchase of 1.4 acres of submerged land in Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, adjoining upland property of applicant. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that a price of \$350.00 has been agreed upon which is in line with other sales and in excess of the appraised price.

7. **MONROE COUNTY**—On August 16, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William R. Neblett, on behalf of Julian J. Marks' Estate, for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land at the northeast end of the Island of Key West, containing 4.12 acres, more or less, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen

on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

8. MONROE COUNTY—On August 9, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of John Brell, for purchase of 2 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Crain's Subdivision, on Grassey Key, in Section 25, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, adjacent to applicant's upland property. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that an objection was filed but later withdrawn when Mr. Brell agreed to reduce the acreage applied for to one (1) acre rather than two (2) acres, and that sale will be made on the basis of a parcel comprising one (1) acre, more or less.

9. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On August 16, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from David L. Shannon, on behalf of Dr. Roger Williams, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 6 and 7, Block 3, Barr's Subdivision of Pickett Grant, containing 0.7 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on August 26, September 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the prices offered and recommended for the land described in Monroe and Volusia Counties—eight (8) parcels—and confirm sales in favor of applicants, as owners of the adjacent upland property in each case.

The following applications were submitted from adjoining upland owners:

1. George H. Hodges, president of Duval Engineering & Contracting Company, applies to purchase 24.74 acres of submerged land at Sand Fly Point, and
Wayland T. Coppedge, president of Coppedge Terminal Corporation, makes application to purchase 7.17 acres of submerged land at Sand Fly Point.
Both parcels are located in Trout River adjacent to Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of Sand Fly Point in Section 50,

Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County. Price of \$250.00 an acre is recommended for the land.

2. John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Floyd Johnson, adjacent upland owner, offers \$200.00 an acre for 2.29 acres of submerged land in Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County. The offer is the appraised price of the land.
3. William R. Neblett, on behalf of the following three (3) clients who are adjacent upland owners, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for bay bottom land on Stock Island in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.
 - Ida Elizabeth vonPaulsen and Norvin G. Maloney—6.8 acres
 - Maurice Jabour—2.36 acres
 - Ruth Cash Putnam and Ella Lee Cash—0.63 of an acre.
4. William R. Neblett, on behalf of Peter C. Bacle, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2.27 acres of bay bottom land on Stock Island in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.
5. Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Stock Island Investors, Inc., a Florida corporation, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 22.4 acres of submerged land on Stock Island in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the five parcels advertised for objections only based on the offers submitted and recommended.

Mr. Wells reported that deeds by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education to the Turnpike Authority for right of way carry statutory mineral reservations which seriously affect the sale of bonds; that at his request the Attorney General has prepared a covenant agreement whereby the boards referred to waive the right to develop under the reservations for oil and minerals in the deeded areas.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and carried, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund adopt the following resolution, and that such resolution be recorded in each county affected:

RESOLUTION AGREEMENT CREATING COVENANT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this September 27th, 1955, by and between the TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, of the State of Florida, a statutory board existing under and by virtue of Chapter 253, Florida Statutes, parties of the first part, the STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF

FLORIDA, a body corporate existing under and by virtue of Section 3, Article XII, of the Florida Constitution, party of the second part, and the FLORIDA STATE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY, a State agency existing under and by virtue of Chapter 340, Florida Statutes, as amended, party of the third part.

WHEREAS, THE PARTY of the third part is charged with obtaining a right of way for the construction and maintaining of turnpike projects, and especially the so-called "Sunshine State Parkway" (see Section 340.03, Florida Statutes), within the State of Florida, as authorized by said Chapter 340, Florida Statutes, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the said party of the third part is now engaged in procuring a right of way for said turnpike "beginning at a point in Dade County, Florida, . . . thence in a general northerly direction for a distance not exceeding one hundred and ten miles from the point of beginning; and,

WHEREAS, the parties of the first and second part, in accordance with Chapter 6159, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1911, and amendments thereof (now appearing as Section 270.11, Florida Statutes), have reserved and now own the oil, gas and mineral rights required by said statute to be by them reserved, as to many parcels of land within the said Sunshine State Parkway right of way, which rights and interests are subject to sale or lease by the said parties for purposes of development and taking from the said lands; and,

WHEREAS, it is apparent that the drilling of oil and gas wells upon the right of way of the said parkway, or the mining of other minerals upon said right of way would materially interfere with the construction, operation and maintenance of said parkway;

NOW, THEREFORE, the first and second parties, for and in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hereby covenant and agree with the third party, which covenant shall be one running with the lands within the said right of way, that no drilling or other operations, in connection with the oil, gas and mineral rights reserved unto the first and second parties, pursuant to Section 270.11, Florida Statutes, and the statutes and laws from which said section was derived, shall be conducted upon or through the surface of the lands of the said right of way, and it is further covenanted and agreed that no other operations shall be conducted which will or may damage, or may be liable to damage, the surface of said lands in said right of way or in any way interfere with the free, safe and unobstructed use of the said lands by the third party in operating and maintaining a limited access toll facility.

Provided, however, that this agreement shall not be construed as divesting vested rights heretofore acquired by those claiming under either the first or second parties, by agreements heretofore made and entered into, without the consent of such persons, which may be hereafter acquired.

This agreement is made and executed in triplicate by the parties hereto.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and the members of the State Board of Education, have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, including the corporate seal of the said State Board of Education, and have caused the seal of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Florida to be hereto affixed, at the State Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, Florida, and the Florida State Turnpike Authority, has caused this Agreement to be signed by its Chairman, attested by its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be impressed or imprinted hereon, all the day and year first above written.

LeROY COLLINS,
RAY E. GREEN,
J. EDWIN LARSON,
RICHARD W. ERVIN,
NATHAN MAYO,

Governor
Comptroller
State Treasurer
Attorney General
Commissioner of Agriculture
As and Constituting the
TRUSTEES OF THE IN-
TERNAL IMPROVE-
MENT FUND OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA

LeROY COLLINS,
R. A. GRAY,
RICHARD W. ERVIN,
J. EDWIN LARSON,
THOS. D. BAILEY,

Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
State Treasurer
State Superintendent of
Public Instruction
As and Constituting the
STATE BOARD OF EDU-
CATION OF FLORIDA.

FLORIDA STATE TURN-
PIKE AUTHORITY

By: Thomas B. Manuel
Chairman

Attest: William T. Alsop
Secretary-Treasurer

Discussion was also had as to the advisability of selling state lands located along the route of the turnpike and it was agreed that when applications are received to purchase land bordering on the turnpike, that before advertisements are published the Land Office contact the turnpike authorities with a view toward ascertaining whether or not there would be any objections to said sale, whether the land might be needed for turnpike purposes, and get formal

approval for the sale; also request opinion as to the value of the land. It was so ordered.

E. M. Ivey makes application, on behalf of J. O. Youtsey, for the purchase of 0.34 of an acre, and on behalf of Elbert Ivey, for purchase of 0.39 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, Piney Woods Lakes Subdivision, Sections 8 and 17, Township 23 South, Range 30 East, Orange County. Applicants offer \$30.00 an acre for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted and authorize conveyances of the two parcels without advertisement.

Recommendation was submitted from Central Investment Advisory Service that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund purchase the following bonds:

East Volusia County Special Road & Bridge District General Obligation and Revenue bonds. Interest 3.30. Purchase price at par. Yield 3.30. Amount of purchase, \$125,000.00 out of a total issue of eight million dollars; Florida State Improvement Commission Manatee County Bridge Revenue bonds. Interest at 3.50. Purchase price ranges from 99¼ to 98.75 with yield of 3.57. Amount of purchase \$273,000.00 out of a total issue of four million dollars.

Total purchase recommended—\$398,000.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of the above bonds as recommended by the Central Investment Advisory Service.

Mr. Elliot reported that recently a conference was had with Governor Collins, Attorney General Ervin, Mr. Lamar Johnson and himself, at which a proposed lease in favor of Mr. Johnson was discussed. The application covers exploration and development of all minerals except petroleum, natural gas and sulphur upon certain state-owned lands. The matter was referred to the Attorney General for preparing form of lease.

As a result of further conference between the Attorney General, Mr. Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, and Mr. Elliot, lease was prepared which covers the several subjects brought out in the first conference.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of lease in favor of Mr. Johnson in form as recommended by the Attorney General's office.

Mr. Elliot submitted memorandum from the Attorney General's office with reference to restrictions for public purposes in certain

deeds from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of Miami, and proposed leases from the City of Miami to Miami Yacht Club and Miami Outboard Club.

Mr. Elliot also read excerpt from a letter dated November 23, 1954, from the Attorney General on the subject of "Public purpose or use clause in deeds numbered 19447 and 19448", in which it was brought out that the public purpose clause was not a statutory requirement of law but was placed in the deeds at the discretion of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot reported that protests have been received over a period of years to the use by the city of that area known as Watson Park at the west end of MacArthur Causeway and he was presenting the matter to ascertain if the Trustees desire to change their policy with reference to releasing the public purpose clause from the deeds.

It was recalled that on June 30, 1949, a committee of the Trustees held a hearing in Miami, Florida, for the purpose of hearing the views of citizens of Miami and vicinity as to whether or not the Trustees should release the public purpose clause from the deeds to the city; that at such meeting it was found that there was considerable opposition to release of the "Public Purpose" clause in said deeds, but there seemed to be very little opposition to four short term leases—Miami Yacht Club, Miami Outboard Club, Howard Bond and Goodyear Blimp—but the citizens did not want the area leased for commercial purposes, honky-tonks and undesirable concessions, but did want it improved and beautified as a public park.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that there will be no change in the statu quo or existing policy, other than the agreement following the hearing in Miami in 1949, but in order not to have continued requests from the city, that the Trustees recommend that the city make the area a public park, more in keeping with the purpose for which the land was conveyed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action be deferred on the two proposed leases.

Mr. Elliot submitted report from H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist, covering the period of July and August, and supplied each member with copy of said report.

Mr. Elliot verbally reported on his trip to Live Oak and Jasper last week in connection with a hearing on request from a Suwannee County delegation to construct dams in the Suwannee River with a view toward raising ground water levels in wide areas on each side of the river. At the meeting there had been present about 125 people among which were representatives of the U. S. Engineer Office, U. S. Soil Conservation Department, Dr. Herman Gunter and Dr. Vernon of the State Geologist's office. The Army Engineers, U. S. Soil Conservationists, the State Geologist, and Mr. Elliot were

in agreement that nothing would be accomplished by putting in dams in the river. There was a difference of opinion in the local group, a minority feeling that they have no water problem, and that the only trouble is the depth of wells in that area. A nursery owner in that locality, who has a 600 foot well, reported that he has never had any trouble and has sufficient water supply at all times. The wells supplying the Towns of Live Oak and Lake City are deep wells and there is no trouble there. The same applies to the Power Company in that locality. A study of the records, Federal and State, since 1880 bears out the view that nothing would be accomplished by constructing dams in the river. There was some indication that some of the group will try constructing a dam to satisfy themselves on the question.

The report was received.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 4, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

Senator William R. Neblett, on behalf of Leonard Santini, advises that his client made application to purchase three (3) mangrove islands near Fort Myers Beach in Lee County, with an offer of \$25.00 an acre. He furnished the Land Office with a survey of the islands. The total cost of the survey was \$1005.00. The land was put up for competitive bidding and another party was the successful bidder at \$300.00 an acre. Mr. Neblett is asking that the Trustees refund to Mr. Santini the cost of the survey since he did not get the islands.

Mr. Wells explained that Mr. Santini was under the impression that he would be allowed to raise the highest bid at the sale; that

he has an appraisal of \$50.00 an acre on the islands, and based on the survey and photographs furnished by Mr. Santini he had photo-stats made and used the information to interest other parties in bidding on the land, as a result of which the bidding went to \$300.00 an acre; that he feels there is some merit in the case in view of the circumstances, and he is inclined to recommend that Mr. Santini be refunded the actual cost of the survey.

In discussing the request, it was brought out that Mr. Santini was not directed by the Trustees to have the survey made; on the other hand, it was stated that the information furnished from the survey could have had something to do with the bid being raised to the price it was. However, Mr. Wells stated it was through his efforts in contacting other parties that the bid went as high as it did.

Attorney General Ervin is of the opinion that the Trustees do not have the right to make this refund and by so doing will set a bad precedent; that the Trustees did not authorize or require Mr. Santini to make the survey and he was aware that he would have to compete in bidding with others; that there was no prior agreement that he would be paid for the survey, and secondly, that he made it for his own benefit and submitted the survey and other information as a basis for his application. The Attorney General expressed the opinion that there is no legal basis for the refund.

Expressions from other members were that there might be some merit in the request, since the survey and photographs were used to interest other bidders; and that the Trustees did not want to do anything that would set a precedent but the fact that the survey had been made was certainly an item to be taken into consideration by those raising the bid of applicant.

Senator Neblett stated that his client was ill-advised with reference to bidding, but it is also true that without the information furnished as a result of his survey he was sure the bids would not have gone as high as they did.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo and seconded by Mr. Green that the Trustees reimburse Mr. Santini for the cost of the survey—\$1005.00—for the reason that the survey and photographs enabled the board to get a better price for the islands.

Upon vote the motion was adopted with affirmative vote of the Governor, Comptroller, Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture. Attorney General Ervin voted No for the reasons expressed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

October 11, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated September 20, 27 and October 4, 1955, were presented with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

1. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from Thomas E. Nordmann for purchase of Lot 1, Section 27, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, containing 8.24 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lot for competitive bids, starting at \$10.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the land out and stated that he has an offer of \$175.00 for the property, at which the bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$1,025.00 from W. P. Carrin for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer from Mr. Carrin—\$1,025.00—and confirm sale in his favor.

2. BROWARD COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre from Ben Slater, on behalf of Al Jacobson, for purchase of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 39 East, containing 640.12 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$150.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Lauderdale News on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the result of competitive bidding was an offer of \$175.00 an acre by Henry Perry of Hollywood, Florida.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$175.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Perry.

3. ST. LUCIE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$50.00 an acre from Charles B. McAdam, on behalf of Charles Reese, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land along the easterly shore of the Indian River within the projected boundaries of Fractional Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, and within the corporate limits of the City of Fort Pierce, containing 2.9 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of the sale was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that objections have been filed to the sale; that after consulting with the Attorney General's office he recommends that the Trustees overrule the objections, confirm sale in favor of Mr. Reese but withhold issuance of deed for a period of thirty days, within which time parties objecting may have an opportunity to bring suit if they so desire.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Wells as the action of the board and hold up issuance of deed for thirty (30) days.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised price of similar land in the same area, from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of J. M. Renedo, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lot 5, Block 57 of McDonald's Plat of Stock Island, containing 2.78 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by William R. Neblett, on behalf of clients, and suit filed to test ownership of the parcel. It is recommended that action on the sale be deferred pending outcome of the lawsuit.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees pass this sale until outcome of the suit can be determined.

5. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of James S. Y. Ivins, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay, Section 24, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, containing 1.0 acre, more or less, lying northwesterly of and adjacent to Lot 10 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 9, Block 62 of Crain's Subdivision, Grassy Key. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only, as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that sale be confirmed in favor of Mr. Ivins at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

6. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of LeRoy Chambers and James E. and Thomas L. Campbell, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel in Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Tract "J" of Plat of Plantation Beach, containing 0.9 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the parcel for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Chambers at the price offered—\$200.00 for the parcel.

7. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of Glenn H. Curtiss, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land located in Sections 2 and 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying North of and adjacent to Key Vaca, containing 3.5 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Curtiss at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

8. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of Glenn H. Curtiss, Jr., for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land lying in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, and lying North of and adjacent to Key Vaca, containing 1.1 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Curtiss at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

9. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of O. B. Cravey, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Bogie Channel, in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, on Big Pine Key, containing 0.84 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 9, 16, 23, 30 and October 7, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Cravey at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees defer action temporarily on application from Anderson Bouchelle to be appointed land appraiser for the Trustees in the vicinity of New Smyrna Beach.

Donald B. Bradshaw requests that the Trustees set a date for hearing on application made by Mrs. Vada M. Yeomans for purchase of submerged land in Crystal River, Citrus County.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees fixed October 25 as the date for hearing requested.

The following applications were submitted from owners of land on Lake Conway, Orange County, Florida, for purchase of reclaimed lake bottoms in front of their property:

G. B. Fishback, on behalf of J. D. Holloway, offers \$100.00 for 0.21 of an acre in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East;

Carl R. Pearsons offers \$100.00 for 0.2 of an acre in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers from Messrs. Holloway and Pearsons and authorize conveyance of the parcels described without advertisement.

The following applications were submitted for purchase of submerged areas adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. V. Morris Smith, Jr., on behalf of Dean O. Taggart, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 1.001 acres in Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County;
2. William E. Robertson, on behalf of Tod Swalm and Neal Chapline, makes application for 1.03 acres in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Recommendation is that sale be made on the basis of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised price of adjacent land;
3. John T. Graham, on behalf of James E. Henderson, applies to purchase 4.43 acres in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. Recommendation is that sale be made on the basis of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised price of adjacent land;
4. R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of George W. Denison, offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for 5.8 acres of land in Manasota Key, Section 2, Township 41 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota and Charlotte Counties;
5. R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of Dorothy C. Saunders, offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for 3.6 acres of land in Manasota Key, Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County.
6. R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of F. W. Hanscomb, applies to purchase 2.4 acres of land in Manasota Key, Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County. Recommendation is that sale be based on \$125.00 an acre, which is the appraised price of other lands in that area.
7. Willie E. Moore offers \$350.00 for a small parcel of land in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.
8. W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Frank Hatton, applies to purchase 0.4 of an acre of bay bottom land adjacent to upland property in Crain's Subdivision, Grassy Key, in Section 25, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County. Recommendation is that sale be made on the basis of \$100.00 for the parcel.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the eight (8) parcels of submerged land adjacent to upland property of the respective applicants, based on the offers and recommendations submitted.

William C. Grimes, on behalf of himself and clients, offers \$75.00 an acre for Government Lot 7, Section 21, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, comprising 1½ acres, more or less, in Lee County. Information was furnished that the lot is now under Lease No. 386 in favor of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and sale will have to be made subject to said lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer and make counter proposal to sell the parcel to applicants for \$150.00 without advertisement.

John A. Coughlin, on behalf of Philip H. Kinsey, makes application for the purchase of two parcels of submerged land, comprising 66.67 acres each in Section 11, Township 44 South, Range 24 East, Lee County. Mr. Kinsey desires to purchase the property and create facilities to be made available to the residents of the City of Fort Myers for swimming and other recreational activities. It was recommended that the application be denied.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land applied for by Mr. Philip H. Kinsey.

The State Road Department makes application for a parcel of submerged bay bottom land in Biscayne Bay, Section 22, Township 54 South, Range 41 East, Dade County, lying between the shore line and the U. S. Harbor bulkhead, for storm sewer purposes. Said parcel lies within thirty-three (33) feet each side of the survey line of State Road No. 5, Section 8703-209.

Also, the State Road Department requests right of way across submerged lands of Similar Sound between Big Coppitt Key and Geiger Key, within forty (40) feet each side of the center line of State Road No. S-941, Sec. 9055, lying and being in Section 23, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant requests from the State Road Department for the parcels in Dade and Monroe Counties.

Tave Waldron offers \$100.00 an acre for purchase of Lot 4, Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 47.95 acres, more or less, in Highlands County. This land is now under Lease No. 731 which expires July 13, 1956.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competi-

tive bids, subject to the existing lease, the starting offer to be not less than \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. J. Y. Porter, Jr., City Attorney for the City of Key West, Florida, presented two requests from the city as follows:

1. In August of this year the City of Key West had a survey made of the bay bottom land adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard, and made application to purchase the said bay bottoms in order to retain it in its present status; that the city was advised that the Trustees would not dispose of the property; that five or six years ago some bay bottoms were sold into private ownership and to avoid this happening again the city would like to renew its application to purchase all the bay bottoms along the Boulevard, or if not that, the Trustees give the city assurance that the property will not be sold but maintained in the future as state property in perpetuity.

Upon discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Green that at the request of the City of Key West, Florida, the Trustees adopt a formal resolution that they will not sell any land adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard, in the City of Key West, Monroe County; that as a firm and fixed policy no state owned lands adjacent to Roosevelt Boulevard can be sold for any purpose but that the same be continued in the ownership of this State for the protection of the scenic beauty of that area. The motion was seconded and upon vote adopted.

2. Mr. J. Y. Porter, Jr., on behalf of the City of Key West, stated that in 1947 the Trustees sold to the City of Key West an area known as Garrison Bight in Monroe County. The minutes of the Trustees, by which these submerged lands were sold, contain the proviso that there would be included in the deed restriction that the land was to be used for public purposes, and if not so used that the land would revert to the State; that two deeds were issued to the City of Key West without the restriction, but a third does contain the provision; that a small area was leased to a Yacht Club and now the city has opportunity to get private interests that will come in and develop the area. Mr. Porter stated that the city would like to ask the Trustees, in view of the fact that there were no restrictions in the deeds, whether the city might have permission to lease a portion of the property to private interests for development which the city is not able to do.

In discussion, it was explained that omission of the restriction in the deeds was merely an oversight as it was clearly intended that the land was to be used for public purposes only; that the minutes of the Trustees definitely set that forth and agreement to sell the area was on that basis.

At the suggestion of the Governor, it was agreed to defer action on the request—Mr. Porter to send the Trustees a detailed plan of the proposed improvements, by whom they will be made and the purposes for which the land will be used. It was so ordered.

Governor Collins reported that while in Miami he was in conference with United States Senators Spessard Holland and George Smathers, Congressman Dante Fascell, representatives of the National Park Service, and Mr. John Pennekamp. The big issue under discussion was the decision of the Park Service against construction of over-night facilities which had been projected as being in the plans and authorized construction. Mr. Pennekamp did not like that policy. No understanding was reached although it was understood that Mr. Wirth would review the whole matter.

The other subject under discussion was the matter of boundaries of Everglades National Park. Senator Holland is anxious to see this settled before any further decisions are made as to improvements. Governor Collins explained that he stated to them he felt reasonably sure the Trustees would not approve taking into the park that area in Tract 4—the controversial agricultural land; that if it was included it would be done over the objections of the Trustees.

The northwestern entrance or corridor was then discussed. Governor Collins told them he did not purport to commit the Trustees, but that consideration had been given to approval of a minimum amount of land to accomplish the entrance, conditioned that other lands be reconveyed to the Trustees and excluded from the boundaries; that they then wanted to know where the line would be and to that question he told them that he did not know the attitude of the Trustees but he felt the minimum amount necessary; that the Trustees would look to Mr. Elliot for advice, and he suggested that Mr. Beard get with Mr. Elliot and work out a line which would be the minimum requirement for the northwestern corridor with a reasonable amount of land to protect the headwaters. They also wanted to know if the Trustees would be agreeable to settling the western corridor and leaving the other as it now stands for the present; that the matter was left that the National Park people will get in touch with Mr. Elliot and then it will be up to the Trustees to take whatever action they deem necessary.

Mr. Elliot presented request from William W. Muir of Miami, Florida, on behalf of Divers, Incorporated, for lease from the Trustees to search for an old abandoned wreck off-shore from Key Largo in the general locality of Carysfort Reef Lighthouse.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit issued to applicant, subject to approval of form by the Attorney General's Office.

George H. Wedgeworth requests permission to construct a rock road, at no cost to the Trustees, along the boundary of Section 31, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, on which he holds Lease No. 948 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees give Mr. Wedgeworth permission to con-

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Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent.....	158.02
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The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	406.57
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Ft. Pierce Newspapers, Inc.	21.85
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The Miami Herald newspaper	89.06
Sarasota Appraisal Service	40.00
Key West Board of Realtors	120.00
H. Bryant Merritt	200.00
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	19.34
Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC Manatee County	1.00
Burroughs Corp., Decatur, Ga.	39.40
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County	9.75
Claude A. Gandolfo, Tax Assessor, Monroe	
County	100.00
Dan Carter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	48.50
The Lewis State Bank—For FSIC Manatee	
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 620 listing 82 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the report be approved and authority given for issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
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The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
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Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
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Minutes of the Trustees dated October 11, 1955, were presented with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

The following sales were presented for consideration, applications having been made by the adjoining upland owners:

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Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

2. MARTIN COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$1400.00 from Evans Cray, on behalf of Willard M. Kiplinger, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River, in Township 38 South, Range 42

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East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Lots 5 and 6 of the Subdivision of Lot 1, Miles or Hanson Grant, less that area comprising Bay Tree Island, containing a net total of 13.97 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only in the Stuart News on September 15, 22, 29, October 6 and 13, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

3. MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from H. C. Hudgins for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 36, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Lots 2 to 6 inclusive, of Summerland Beach Addition No. 4, containing 0.34 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only in the Key West Citizen on September 23, 30, October 7, 14 and 21, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On September 13, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Mrs. Marjorie Toner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean, on Plantation Key in Section 24, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, lying southeasterly of Lots 24, 25 and 26, Block 1, and Lots 1 and 2 of Block 3, Plantation Ridge, except a portion dedicated as a public road, containing 1.3 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only in the Key West Citizen on September 23, 30, October 7, 14 and 21, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

5. MONROE COUNTY—On September 13, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00 an acre from William R. Neblett, on behalf of D. William Cahill, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel, Section 27, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, lying westerly of the South 1500 feet of Government Lot 2 of said Section 27, and containing 11.1 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only in the Key West Citizen on September 23 and 30, October 7, 14 and 21, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of adjoining upland owners of the five (5) parcels described, based on the offer submitted by each applicant.

William R. Neblett, on behalf of the Estate of Amparo Cobo, offers \$175.00 an acre for 10.5 acres of submerged land adjacent to applicant's upland property in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. Mr. Wells recommends a counter proposal to accept \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised price for land in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, provided Mr. Neblett's client will offer \$200.00 an acre for the land.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land in Monroe County:

1. N. Lichtenberg offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, and \$250.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 33, Township 65 South, Range 30 East;
2. Albert S. Dubbin offers the appraised price of \$100.00 per acre for Lot 1, Section 33, Township 65 South, Range 28 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for competitive bids the land covered in the two applications, starting with the offers submitted by applicants.

The State Road Department makes application for an easement deed covering right of way for relocation of State Road No. 10, being that part of the submerged lands in Apalachicola River in Section 32, Township 4 North, Range 6 West, lying within 100 feet each side of the construction center line of said State Road No. 10.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of the State Road Department and authorize issuance of easement deed across the land desired.

F. A. Edwards requests permission to assign his Sand Lease No. 887 to A. A. Alderman of Palmetto, Florida. The lease covers that portion of the Manatee River lying between Fort Hamer and Erie, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize assignment of the lease as requested, conditioned that the new assignee furnish the Trustees with the usual bond required.

Hearing was set for today on an application by Mrs. Vada M. Yeomans to purchase certain submerged land in Citrus County. Objections to this sale filed by the Town of Crystal River have been withdrawn. Mr. Elliot stated this question turns on whether or not the applicant, Mrs. Yeomans, is the owner of the upland and

whether or not the fill made would come under Chapter 271, Florida Statutes, the fill having been made prior to the time of the decision of the court holding that chapter invalid by reason of a 1953 Act. He has heard discussion by interested parties appearing to have an equity or interest in a portion of the land being applied for by Mrs. Yeomans.

Mr. Don Bradshaw, on behalf of Mrs. Yeomans, submitted abstract of title originating out of the U. S. Government to Mrs. Yeomans' predecessors in title; also surveys showing the land involved. His claim was that the documents he submitted showed that Mrs. Yeomans was the owner of the adjoining upland. About 2 acres of submerged bottoms are involved in application to purchase.

Governor Collins said that to him the explanation of Mr. Bradshaw and papers submitted by him were confusing and he was unable to understand the situation; Mr. Elliot also stated he was unable to completely understand what the situation is.

Mr. Elliot stated the origin of title grew out of patent to a private person. The railroad crossing the property had a right to file for terminal facilities purposes and probably has right of way. Other information is needed before the Trustees can determine whether or not applicant is the upland owner, and other questions may be involved.

The attorney representing Mr. Lewis, an objector to the sale to Mrs. Yeomans, submitted an old picture taken in 1901 showing the then situation as to boat house, railroad, etc. He stated that the boat houses were built out in the edge of the river. There has been a public road to the boat houses for many years. The upland is within the boundaries of the Town of Crystal River and the town has withdrawn objections to the sale, which had been filed in the beginning.

Both Mrs. Yeomans, applicant, and Mr. Lewis, objector, were present and made statements. Mrs. Yeomans said the road to Mr. Lewis' fish house would be closed, if she bought the submerged two acres; that the road splits her property and ruins any value it may have. Mr. Lewis said he could not get to his fish house with the road closed, and he would therefore have his business destroyed, which he has been running for 17 years.

Governor Collins said certainly the state cannot be put into a position to determine who owns private lands. The matter of ownership will have to be settled before the Trustees can do anything about sale of the submerged bottoms.

Mr. Lewis said he would like to acquire title to his fish house, an area about 30 x 60 feet, and would like to see the road kept open for the public; that the county had kept it up. He objects to the sale of the land on which his fish house is located.

The Attorney General said there might be some legal claim by the public on account of the old road; that these questions needed determination by the courts, and until such a decree has been se-

cured by the parties at interest, he thinks the state should decline to sell the submerged bottoms.

Mrs. Yeomans stated that in order to get to his fish house, Mr. Lewis crosses two one-acre lots owned by her. It ruins these lots. Her husband deeded to the city an area for a street. He filled in the area. She has nothing against Mr. Lewis except that he is using her property for his fish business.

Mr. Mayo suggested sending Mr. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer, down to look over the situation. The Governor said he thought if Mr. Williams happened to pass by he might stop, but that the expense for a special trip was not advisable.

Mrs. Yeomans said her husband left her with a 13-year-old boy. She wants to settle this question so it will not be left unsettled when she dies. It should have been settled before her husband's death but it was not. She has no use for the submerged land but objects to the road that goes through to the fish house.

It was further stated that though the railroad must have a right of way, they have not been able to produce anything to show they have one.

The Governor said there appeared to be two courses that could be followed. They should try to work out some sort of settlement, or, failing to do so, file a friendly suit enjoining Mr. Lewis from using the road, and get the courts to say who owns the land. The Trustees do not have authority to do this.

The Governor asked Mr. Lewis if he would like to buy the land where his fish house stands. Mr. Lewis said he wants just what he has now, and he feels he should have the right to continue to use the road.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Trustees that a legal adjudication should be had before the matter of purchase of submerged land again comes before the Trustees.

Application is made by George Stamos, owner of certain abutting upland in Dade County, Florida, for the purchase of property in Dade County, Florida, described as follows:

Two parcels of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Sections 20 and 29, Township 56 South, Range 42 East, Dade County, Florida. Parcel No. 1 lying easterly of and adjacent to Ragged Key No. 2, and Parcel No. 2 lying easterly of and adjacent to Ragged Key No. 4. Containing a total of 68 acres, more or less.

The Trustees being advised of Chapter 29763, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1955, and having examined said Act, find that Sections 253.06, 253.07, 253.08, 253.09, 253.10 and 253.11 F.S. have been repealed by said Act, and as Sections 253.12, etc., F.S. have no application to Dade and Palm Beach Counties, the Trustees find no authority to sell the above described lands. The Trustees find that except for the repealing of the above statutes, it would be their duty

to accept the application, advertise the lands for objections only as provided in said repealed sections of the statutes.

It was thereupon moved by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and duly carried, that the above application be rejected for the foregoing reasons.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees are advertising for sale land in Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 16 East, Citrus County, and the State Board of Education is also advertising for sale lands in the same township and range. Aerial photographs and other information disclose that the United States surveys in that locality are not correct and land owners affected propose to request the United States to make a corrective survey of the area. It is recommended that the advertisements be withdrawn pending further examination of the subject, and, in the event private owners do request a corrective survey, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education join in such request.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Trustees.

Letter was presented from the Acting Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior dated October 17, 1955, having reference to oil and gas lease issued in favor of The California Company September 13, 1955, covering certain submerged areas in Monroe County, Florida. The letter calls attention to the Submerged Lands Act of May 22, 1953 (67 Stat. 29; 43 U.S.C. sec. 301) which limits the rights of Maritime States to the subsoil and seabed of adjacent seas to three (3) geographical miles except in the Gulf of Mexico where the maximum limit is three (3) marine leagues. The United States asserts that it has the exclusive right to issue oil and gas leases for all of the seabed of the Continental Shelf lying seaward of the boundary of the State of Florida as that boundary exists pursuant to the terms of the Submerged Lands Act. It appears that the two tracts offered for lease include areas over which the United States asserts jurisdiction under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act of August 7, 1953 (67 Stat. 462; 43 U.S.C. sec. 1331).

The letter also gives notice that with respect to the areas offered by the Trustees on September 13, the Department of the Interior will recommend that the Attorney General of the United States take appropriate action if it appears that operations are being conducted on any portion of the Outer Continental Shelf under the purported authority of any leases which have been or may be issued for such areas.

Governor Collins remarked that the letter from the Interior Department in effect puts the State of Florida on notice that action will be taken by the Federal Government if operations are being conducted outside of the state's boundaries. He suggested that the

letter be referred to the Attorney General and that Mr. Elliot confer with Mr. Ervin on the matter.

Without objection it was so ordered.

Mr. Elliot submitted plat showing area in Duval County between the Fulton-Dames Point Cutoff and the former channel of the St. Johns River covering what is known as "Goat Island." The plat is of a survey by Robert M. Angas and Associates, Engineers and Surveyors, undertaken for the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida. Letter from Mr. Russell H. DeGrove, member of the firm, states that Mr. R. Malcolm Fortson, Managing Director of the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida, would like to file the plat of the survey with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and also in the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

Goat Island, according to the survey, has an area of 1530 acres, all of which is being filed on for terminal facilities of said Ship Canal Authority under provisions of Chapter 16176, Acts of 1933. Section 8 of this Act is as follows:

Section 8. This Corporation shall have the right to take, exclusively occupy, use and possess, insofar as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act, any areas of land owned by the State of Florida, not in use for State purposes, including swamp and overflowed lands, bottoms of streams, lakes, river, bays, the sea and arms thereof and other waters of the State, and the riparian rights thereto appertaining; and when so taken and occupied, due notice of such taking and occupancy having been filed with the Secretary of State by the Corporation, such areas of land are hereby granted to and shall be the property of the Corporation.

Mr. Elliot questioned the need for the entire area, comprising approximately two and one-half square miles, for terminal facilities in connection with canal operations, stating that it is highly valuable land, worth on the basis of tentative offers made a year ago somewhere around Three Million Dollars, and that he thought the need for the entire area might be investigated before filing plat with the Commissioner of Agriculture or with the Trustees. He believes that the plat would be acceptable for filing, but when filed it could be construed as a declaration of taking and the area become the property of the Authority. It is desirable that the Trustees determine just what the filing of this plat would mean and that the taking of such area be investigated. He suggests that the matter be referred to the Attorney General for determining the legal aspects of the subject, whether the Canal Authority requires all of the area to meet its actual needs and can take the same. He also stated that Goat Island had been applied for by the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County over a year ago and was withdrawn from sale or other disposition by the Trustees to afford opportunity for the county to study the possibility of a legislative act authorizing the county to receive and the Trustees to convey the same to be

developed and used by the county as a port facility and for other public purposes.

Governor Collins requested Mr. Elliot to reply to the letter and make it clear that the Trustees will not accept the filing of the plat now transmitted pending an investigation of the soundness of the legal aspect and the need of the Authority therefor. It was so ordered.

Letter was presented from Attorney General Ervin, dated October 19, 1955, having reference to certain islands in the Florida Keys section claimed by the United States. Mr. Elliot stated that he has plats showing location of all islands in the Florida Keys area, proposed to be sold by the Federal Government; also, that a letter transmitted this morning by the Attorney General to him, being copy of letter of October 20, 1955, to Honorable George A. Smathers from the Director, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, states that the final action will be withheld concerning public notice of intended disposal of the islands until after a conference has been held with the representatives appointed by the Attorney General of the State of Florida. This gives the state opportunity to submit its side of the matter to the Government. The letter was read to the Trustees.

The Trustees requested that Mr. Elliot follow up the matter and, with the Attorney General, do the things necessary to be done. It was so ordered.

Letter was presented from the Agricultural Experiment Station, W. T. Forsee, Chemist in Charge, Belle Glade, Florida, with reference to Harley G. Morton, Ramie Technologist, making a trip to Havana, Cuba, in connection with experiment to be conducted by Hedges and Company with ramie fiber.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Morton be permitted to make the trip to Cuba if his expenses will be paid by Hedges and Company.

In a letter to Governor Collins, Mrs. Emma D. Raymond, president of Pass-a-Grille Woman's Club, protests proposed improvements by Mr. Al Furen involving lands in Clearwater harbor north of the causeway which were acquired from the Trustees about two years ago. It was explained that this matter comes within the purview of a Special Act of the 1955 Legislature, granting the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County special authority with reference to improvements or changes in the intracoastal waters of the county. Mr. Elliot stated that if any such plan exists, he has not seen or received any information on the subject.

Without objection, Mr. Elliot was requested to reply to the letter setting forth what the situation is as to Mr. Furen's proposed improvement in so far as the Trustees are concerned.

Recommendation was presented from Central Investment Advisory Service that the Trustees purchase \$83,000.00 of Collier

County District No. 1 School bonds, out of an issue of \$700,000.00, with interest rate of 3.10 per cent, yield 3.20; purchase price approximately 97 on the dollar. Total of all bonds outstanding for Collier County is \$930,000.00, and the county has never defaulted in any bond or debt payment.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve purchase of \$83,000.00 of Collier County bonds as recommended by Central Investment Advisory Service.

Howard P. Rives, attorney at law of Clearwater, Florida, on behalf of clients who are affected property owners, asks that the Trustees call a hearing for November 8, 1955, at which various property owners may be heard in reference to tidal waters of Clearwater Harbor. It was suggested that if the hearing is held, announcement of the same be made in the Clearwater paper in order that interested persons may be apprised of such meeting.

Mr. Ervin stated that this is an important matter. Mr. Rives is contending the Trustees were without authority to convey this land at the time deed was issued. Now plans are being made to develop the property. Many protests have come in to such developments, and protests have also been filed with the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County. Two hearings have been held on the subject in Pinellas County, but the parties protesting want a hearing held in Tallahassee. November 8th has been suggested as the date.

Governor Collins said since hearings have been held in Pinellas County, it would seem to him there was no real need for a hearing in Tallahassee; also, the 8th is the day all are expected to go to Apalachicola for Harbor Day. He suggested Mr. Rives be advised there would be no hearing on the 8th in Tallahassee on the matter.

Mr. Ervin said he felt both sides should be heard; if they want to come to Tallahassee he and Mr. Elliot might have the hearing for them on some date to be determined.

It was the agreement of the Board that the matter be turned over to the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot for what disposition they might determine.

Financial statements for the month of September are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of September 1, 1955..... \$ 338,083.79

Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	\$1,180,320.07
Quitclaim Deeds	117.00
Grazing Leases	279.80
Sand & Shell Leases	7,929.47
Oil Leases	304.70
Advertising	297.34
Timber Leases	100.28
Miscellaneous Leases	375.00
Mineral Leases	50.00

Revenue Bonds	14,850.00	
Fill Material	2,400.00	
Treasure Leases	100.00	
Farm Lease	50.00	
Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	25.00	
Total Receipts for Month of September		1,207,198.66
GRAND TOTAL		1,545,282.45
Less Disbursements for Month of September, 1955		108,075.84
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1955..		\$1,437,206.61

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9-9-55	54415	Lewis State Bank	\$ 99,506.28
	58691	F. C. Elliot	33.35
9-14-55	60835	Southeastern Telephone Co.	102.63
	60836	Shell Oil Company	9.19
	60837	Simmons Moving & Storage	40.00
	60838	Leon Blueprinting Co.	1.68
	60839	Geo. G. Crawford, CCC	2.00
	60840	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	60841	DeLand Sun News	17.25
	60842	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	32.20
	60843	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	16.10
	60844	The Miami Herald	71.25
	60845	The Palm Beach Post-Times	57.50
	60846	Tallahassee Democrat	49.30
	60847	Sarasota Appraisal Service	105.00
	60848	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	43.08
	60849	Harry M. McWhorter	116.00
	60850	Indian River Broadcasting Co....	75.00
9-15-55	62633	A. R. Williams	70.00
9-21-55	69870	Western Union Telegraph Co. ...	8.00
	69871	Leon Blueprinting Co.	33.26
	69872	Ronnie Green	50.00
	69873	The Dade City Banner	19.17
	69874	Sumter County Times	13.80
	69875	Tallahassee Democrat	56.35
	69876	The Bradenton Herald	29.90
	69877	Punta Gorda Herald, Inc.	21.85
	69878	The St. Augustine Record	16.10
	69879	News-Press Publishing Co.	28.75
	69880	The Clearwater Sun	20.70
	69881	The Key West Citizen	141.83
	69882	Sinclair Wells	98.54
9-30-55	64702	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	64703	H. G. Morton	485.90
	64704	A. R. Williams	449.33
	64705	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	64706	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	64707	M. O. Barco	387.93

64708	J. L. Dedge	341.15
64709	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
64710	W. Howell	342.15
64711	C. E. Halley	350.45
64712	S. Wells	361.21
64713	C. M. Greene	49.35
64714	R. N. Landers	27.41
64715	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.	30.10
64716	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
64717	Professional Life Ins. Co.	5.25
64718	State Retirement	330.29
64719	Federal Tax	713.70
76628	B. C. Brown	570.00
76629	H. G. Morton	1,099.79
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR		
SEPTEMBER, 1955		\$108,075.84

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of September 1, 1955	\$ 475.00
Receipts	- 0 -
Disbursements	- 0 -
Balance as of September 30, 1955	\$ 475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:	
September 16, 1955	\$12,774.99
September 30, 1955	3,435.00
Total Receipts for the Month	\$16,209.99

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
9-30-55	83893	E. Hewitt	\$ 373.86
	83894	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	83895	Provident Life & Accident Ins.	7.75
	83896	State Retirement	26.97
	83897	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			
FOR THE MONTH			\$ 771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 621 listing 1004 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and fourteen (14) quitclaim deeds for releasing state road rights of way in original deeds, approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 621 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Theora B. Mixson makes application for conveyance of Lot 6, Block 5, less East 10 feet, University Place, Gainesville, under authority of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953—the Hardship Act. Applicant offers \$100.00 for the lot.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the lot applied for upon payment of \$400.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the following refunds, which have been approved by the Attorney General's office:

To A. C. Frizzell—\$20.00—Charlotte County land erroneously sold in Deed No. 329;

To Rose Rome—\$40.00—Volusia County lots conveyed by Deed No. 3852, which lots do not exist.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 1, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

The Trustees set this date for hearing members of the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, and other interested parties, in reference to certain islands in the St. Johns River, commonly known as "Goat Island," which island has been filed on by Florida Ship Canal Authority.

State Senator Fletcher Morgan, representing the delegation on behalf of the county, stated that the County Commissioners are opposed to the Trustees deeding the property to the Florida Ship Canal Authority as the county has been making plans for developing a larger port for Jacksonville and Duval County; that plans have not reached the stage where they are ready to make application to the Trustees for conveyance of the area but if the claim of the Canal Authority is honored the proposed development of a

twenty-five million dollar port at Jacksonville will be abandoned or at least delayed for several years.

Mr. J. Henry Blount, attorney for the Duval County Board of Commissioners, presented a resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners October 31, 1955. The resolution sets forth action taken in March, 1954, when private interests applied to purchase the islands in the St. Johns River, commonly called "Goat Island," and the County Commissioners adopted a resolution, dated March 16, 1954, protesting the sale; also that members of the Board of County Commissioners and other interested citizens of Duval County appeared before the Trustees March 30, 1954, to protest the sale, which resulted in the Trustees cancelling the proposed sale and suggesting that Duval County get legislative action to permit disposition of the islands to the county for port purposes; that a bill was introduced in 1955 and passed by the Senate, but failed of passage in the House; that after the county's intentions for acquiring the islands became known the Canal Authority continues to lay claim to the islands for purposes of a real estate venture and not as contemplated by the Act creating the Canal Authority; that the islands being in navigable waters could not constitute a part of the canal right of way or terminals since there is no indication in the foreseeable future that a ship canal will be built; that Duval County is urgently in need of port facilities and this area is of tremendous importance to the county and state. The resolution further requests that the Trustees "take no steps which will lend strength to the purported claim of the Florida Ship Canal Authority to the lands in Duval County commonly known as 'Goat Island' but, on the other hand, will take affirmative action by legal proceedings or otherwise, to have the purported claim on the part of the Florida Ship Canal Authority to said island determined or declared invalid. And, after having done so, will cause said islands, commonly known as 'Goat Island,' to be conveyed to Duval County for public purposes."

Governor Collins reviewed action taken by the Trustees at the meeting October 25, 1955, which was to the effect that Mr. Elliot acknowledge reply to the letter from the Florida Ship Canal Authority and make it clear that the Trustees will not accept the filing of the plat now transmitted pending an investigation of the soundness of the legal aspect and the need of the Authority therefor. He also called attention to the proposed bill which was passed in the Senate but failed passage in the House; that Representative Maness of Duval County has written him explaining that the bill passed in the Senate during the last days of the session would have gone through the House without any trouble had it not been misunderstood.

Senator Morgan and Mr. Blount furnished information to the effect that there has been no activity in connection with the proposed canal; that the people of Duval County have been paying taxes over a period of years and nothing has been done toward construction of the canal; that since passage of the Act creating the Authority no attempt had been made to acquire Goat Island until Duval County made application to have it conveyed for Port facilities. Attention was called to an audit by the State Auditor's office

dated August 10, 1955, of the accounts of the Canal Authority showing the assets as well as the purchase and sale of certain real estate; that the claim by the Ship Canal to Goat Island was made during the audit period and is shown in said audit as a right of way; that the claim on the part of the Canal Authority is a pretense and not for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Act; that Duval County has paid 75 percent of the cost of the Canal Authority to date; that the taxes levied for Canal Authority are a burden to the counties affected—Duval, Clay, Putnam, Citrus, Levy and Marion—and gave the percentages of cost for each county for payment of the bonds; that of the 1½ million dollars in bonds originally authorized \$300,000.00 have been issued and \$84,000.00 remain unpaid; Duval County's contention is that if the canal should ever be built there would be no need for Goat Island as that is navigable water and the canal will not start until it leaves the St. Johns River; that it is contemplated that the next legislature will pass a bill granting this area to Duval County for development of a port that will be a credit to the whole state.

Senator Morgan introduced the following County Commissioners: C. Ray Greene, Joe Mallard, Joe Burnett, Joe Hammond, and Julius Warren; also Arthur Sollee and John Crosby, engineers.

Governor Collins explained that there are two separate issues, one whether the Canal Authority has the right to the land claimed, and if not, second, whether Duval County is entitled to have it conveyed; that the legal right of the Authority has not been determined and until it is nothing can be done. He asked if others desired to be heard.

Mr. C. Farris Bryant of Ocala, Florida, attorney for the Florida Ship Canal Authority, stated that the letter of October 11, 1955, to Mr. Elliot was not written by the Authority but by an engineer working for them who desired to be certain from Mr. Elliot what was the proper form for the preparation of a map to be turned over to the Authority to be used as it saw fit; that the Authority was not attempting to file such plat, nor do they offer one at this time; that no plat has been filed.

Mr. R. Malcolm Fortson, Managing Director of the Ship Canal Authority, explained that the Ship Canal Authority did not have authority to levy taxes; that the counties through which the canal runs were to furnish rights of way and if they had to levy taxes it was considered a county purpose.

Upon questions being asked by the Governor, Mr. Fortson explained that the Canal Authority cannot pledge any general obligation of the State; that there are two agencies created by law, one the Ship Canal Authority and the other the Navigation District; that they are separate organizations, the members of which are appointed by the Governor; that the Board of Governors of the Navigation District is the legal agency that conducts the affairs of the District; that they sign the bonds and issue them; that taxes are assessed in the six counties through which the canal runs; that the Canal Authority and Navigation District are willing to cooperate with Duval County in any way possible.

Mr. Bryant explained that the Canal Authority requested a hearing with the Duval County Commissioners and at the meeting offered to cooperate with them in developing the land which has been claimed by the Canal Authority; that the Canal Authority requested that mechanics of the operation be designed so that the interest of the Authority would be protected; that the County Commissioners declined to explore any cooperative arrangement or to appoint a committee for such purpose. Since that time no cooperation has been possible, however the Canal Authority stands ready to cooperate in development of this property for the joint interest of the county and the Authority.

Governor Collins asked if the Canal Authority considered as a matter of law that it has consummated its title to the Goat Island property.

Mr. Bryant stated that the law provides that the Authority may take over land owned by the State of Florida and when so taken and occupied, and notice of such taking has been filed with the Secretary of State, such area shall be the property of the corporation; that on March 1, 1954, a resolution was adopted by the Ship Authority and mailed to the Secretary of State; that the land was posted and it is their understanding that they are the fee title holder; that they feel the Trustees should take no action as none is needed.

Governor Collins stated that the Trustees do not concede that the Canal Authority owns the land, and asked Assistant Attorney General Fred Burns if he is ready to give an opinion on the matter.

Mr. Burns advised that he was not ready to give an opinion as he has not had opportunity to study the Act; that his understanding is that the question is whether or not the Act confines itself to use and option and not title, but he is not ready to make report as yet.

Upon being asked what progress has been made with reference to construction of the canal, Mr. Fortson explained that while the Authority has not been active on the surface, they have been attempting to get Congressional action and there has been placed in the budget an amount of \$11,000.00 to bring data on the canal up to date; that this has to be done before the Corps of Engineers can present the request to the Budget Bureau for an appropriation; that the plan is not to raise private funds for construction of the canal but to work through Congress for an appropriation and when completed to turn the canal over to the Government.

During the discussion it was brought out that the Canal Authority's budget is not approved by the Budget Commission, nor is it presented to the Legislature for approval; that the plan is to charge tolls on the canal until such time as it may be turned over to the Federal Government, when it will be toll-free; that no lands have been taken from the State and later sold; that the Authority has purchased privately owned lands and have grazing and farming leases out on them and that is where their money comes from.

Governor Collins thanked the delegations for coming to the meeting and stated that while the Canal Authority claims title to Goat Island, that position is not conceded by the Trustees and the legal efficacy is now being studied by the Attorney General's Office and an opinion will soon be rendered as to the state's legal position. If it is determined that the state owns the land and the Authority does not, then the Trustees will be glad to have presentation from Duval County for negotiations in respect to the area.

Mr. Elliot presented a letter from Mr. Fortson, with reference to the filing of a plat by the Canal Authority in order to correct a statement made that no such plat had been filed or offered for filing. Further, that he heard a plat had been filed with the Secretary of State for canal right of way but did not know that Goat Island was involved; that he does not see the necessity of taking $2\frac{1}{2}$ square miles for use of a barge canal.

The Governor asked Mr. Elliot if he has sensed, within the past years, any bona fide effort to construct the canal, to which Mr. Elliot replied that during the '30's the canal was begun as a ship canal but it was not feasible and was later abandoned; that so far as he knows there has been no apparent interest in completing the canal since that time; that when a project has been approved by Congress that does not mean you are ready to start work.

Mr. Wells reported that E. E. Ritter of Port Richey, Florida, owns the peninsula located in Section 30, Township 25 South, Range 16 East, Pasco County, which property abuts the north shore of "Cotee River" at its mouth. Out in the Gulf just west of his property, and within one-half mile of the shore, parties have built shacks on pilings. Mr. Ritter's property is the closest to these shacks and he requests that the Trustees have them removed. Mr. Wells recommends that no action be taken with reference to forcing anyone to remove the shacks since they are so far from the shore and not damaging any property of the state or of any upland owner.

No action was taken.

G. C. Measel, Sr., offers \$100.00 for a small parcel of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to his upland property in Sections 7 and 8, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Okeechobee County. Mr. Wells recommends that sale be made without advertisement, owing to the character of the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel in favor of Mr. Measel without advertisement.

The State Road Department makes application for a perpetual easement for right of way purposes across a part of the submerged bay bottoms on Old Tampa Bay in Section 8, Township 30 South, Range 18 East, Hillsborough County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by the State Road Department.

The following applications were presented from upland owners for purchase of submerged land adjoining their property:

1. Kenneth Van Der Hulse, on behalf of Tuscabay Properties, Inc., offers the appraised price of \$700.00 for 3.51 acres in the St. Lucie River, Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, Martin County;
2. J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Thomas Mercadante, applies for 0.6 of an acre of land in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. A price of \$100.00 is recommended for the parcel;
3. Thomas O. Berryhill, on behalf of H. D. Perry and Annabel C. Perry, offers \$150.00 for 0.57 of an acre of land in Section 6, Township 64 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County;
4. Clem C. Price applies to purchase 0.6 of an acre of bay bottom land in Sun Krest Subdivision on Stock Island, Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. A price of \$200.00 an acre is recommended for the land;
5. Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Webster Lee Brainerd, et ux., offers \$200.00 an acre for 5 acres of bay bottom land in Section 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County;
6. Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Hayden X. Thomas, et ux, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.5 acres of bay bottom land in Crain's Subdivision, Grassy Key, Monroe County, in Section 25, Township 65 South, Range 33 East;
7. G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Edward T. Duffy, offers \$150.00 for a small parcel of submerged land 100x200 feet in Stratton's Subdivision on Upper Matecumbe Key, Monroe County, in Section 33, Township 63 South, Range 37 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the seven (7) parcels of land applied for.

Upon inquiry as to how late the appraisals were made on lands now being applied for, Mr. Wells stated that they were all within the past several months; and where he receives an application to purchase and has recently had an appraisal on land in the same locality, he does not have another appraisal made in that immediate vicinity but uses the same value placed on other lands. Governor Collins suggested that it would be well to keep in mind the increase in land values and see that appraisals were current as compared with values.

Mr. Walter Collany makes application for the purchase of 15 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. Mr. Collany's application has been held up pending approval by the Board of County Commissioners of his purchase, which approval has now been received. However, the State Road Department has requested that the Trustees defer action on any application to purchase submerged lands in the Pinellas County area pending determination of location for proposed causeway to Mullet Key.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from the State Road Department and hold up action on all applications for purchase of submerged lands in the area designated.

Ben Shepard, on behalf of several upland owners, makes application to purchase a strip of submerged land, 1100 feet long and 75 feet wide, comprising approximately 2 acres, more or less, in Indian Creek, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. Applicants offer \$1000.00 an acre for the submerged parcels adjoining their upland property.

Attention was called to an act passed by the 1955 Legislature which does not give the Trustees authority to convey submerged lands in Dade County; however there is nothing in the law to prevent the Trustees from selling the fill material.

In order that upland owners might secure an instrument that would give some semblance of title for recording, a quitclaim deed from the Trustees was suggested.

After discussion of the provisions of the law, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that, if satisfactory with Mr. Shepard's clients the Trustees advertise the parcels for sale, setting forth in said notice that the advertisement is for the sale of the state's interest in the land and describe what that interest is.

Walter Rogers, on behalf of client, desires to purchase the submerged land adjacent to Little Conch Key, Section 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County. Mr. Wells recommends that the application be referred to the Attorney General as to whether applicant has the right to purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the question be referred to the Attorney General as suggested by Mr. Wells.

Mr. Wells reports that G. M. Chamblee has made request that the Trustees cancel the amount he owes the state under Sand Lease No. 824. The total amount due was \$733.20 and the bonding company has paid \$500.00, leaving a balance of \$233.20. Mr. Chamblee reported the loss of his dredge on September 24, 1953, at which time he was granted an extension in order that he might have a chance to pay his debt to the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees cancel Lease No. 824 and charge off the balance due.

Hobart Brothers Company requests reinstatement of 160 acres of land in Township 31 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County, for inclusion in their mineral sand lease No. 760. This area was originally a part of Lease No. 760 but was released prior to the time Hobart Brothers took over the lease. Rental on said lease is \$2.00 per acre plus royalty.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize reinstatement of the 160-acre tract in Lease No. 760 as requested.

Walter P. Fuller of St. Petersburg had requested an appointment with the Trustees for November 8, 1955, but owing to other engagements made by the members, it was agreed to hear Mr. Fuller November 15, 1955.

The question of removing the building from the Whitfield property, across from the Capitol, recently purchased by the Trustees as part of the Capitol Center, was discussed and at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, Mr. Terry Lee, Coordinator of State Institutions, was requested to contact several parties in that line of business and ask that they submit bids for demolition and removal of the building, it being thought unnecessary to advertise for bids. Report to be made to Trustees of highest bid. This action was approved by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm allocation of a six percent (6%) fee to cover cost of plans, specifications and supervision of construction of a building estimated to cost not in excess of \$375,000.00, to be used as headquarters of the Florida Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety. At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions October 25, 1955, it was agreed that plans be now drawn for construction of a building to cost not in excess of \$375,000.00 and that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be requested to pay the fee of six (6%) percent.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the purchase of four (4) new tires for the State Plymouth at a cost not exceeding \$92.00, the present tires having between nineteen and twenty thousand miles use. (Purchase made March, 1956, at \$70.68.)

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the secretary to make purchases for the department not in excess of \$100.00 without special approval.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

The Secretary presented Report No. 622 listing 115 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and Dade County Deed No. 03-Ch. 21684-Cor.-Suppl. to H. & H. Investment Company, Inc., to correct description in original deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve report No. 622 and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Citrus County offers \$40.00 for Lots 13 to 20, inclusive, Block 301, Unit No. 8, Town of Homosassa, Florida. It was explained that the county erroneously sold the lots based on 1943 certificates, and now requests deed from the Trustees in order to perfect title in its grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$40.00, which is equal to the base bid, and authorize conveyance in favor of Citrus County of the lots described under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943.

Putnam County Board of Public Instruction requests conveyance of a small lot 90 by 210 feet, being a part of 1 acre of land in the NE corner of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 10 South, Range 23 East. It was recommended that the lot be conveyed upon payment of \$5.00, which is equal to the base bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the lot to Putnam County School Board under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, payment to be \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant right of way easements in favor of the State Road Department across the following described land in Jefferson County, for use in connection with State Road S-149-A, Section 5454-250:

SRD 44: Right of way through the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 2 South, Range 5 East, lying within 50 feet of the centerline of said road;

SRD 36: Right of way through the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 8; the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, in Township 2 South, Range 5 East, lying within 50 feet of the centerline of said road.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain certificates issued against land in Alachua, Hardee, Nassau, Pasco and Taylor Counties, which certificates were certified to the State under the Murphy Act. It is the opinion of the Attorney General's office that

said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

November 15, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated October 25, 1955, were presented, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented seven (7) sales that had been advertised to be held November 8, based on applications from adjoining upland owners, but a quorum not being present on that date, the sales were called out and held for action by the board on this date.

1. DUVAL COUNTY—On September 27, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre, the appraised price, from George H. Hodges, on behalf of Duval Engineering & Contracting Company and Coppedge Terminal Corporation, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Trout River, in Section 30, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, Duval County, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Blocks 1, 2 and 3 of Sand Fly Point, a part of Charles F. Sibbald Grant, Section 50, Township 1 South, Range 27 East, containing 31.91 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Florida Times Union, Jacksonville, Florida, on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 1955, with sale to be held November 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on date advertised for sale, and reported that no objections were filed to the sale.

2. **MANATEE COUNTY**—On September 27, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Floyd Johnson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Lot 25 of the Subdivision of Fractional Sections 25, 26 and part of Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 2.29 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 1955, with sale to be held November 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and reported that no objections had been filed to the sale.

3. **MONROE COUNTY**—On September 20, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from George Gomez for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lots 2 and 3, Block 60, Maloney Subdivision, Stock Island, containing 2 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 29, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1955, with sale to be held November 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

4. **MONROE COUNTY**—On September 27, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William R. Neblett, on behalf of Peter C. Bacle, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Boca Chica Channel, Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying northeasterly and adjacent to Lots 32, 33 and 34, Block 45, of McDonald's Plat, Stock Island, containing 2.27 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

5. **MONROE COUNTY**—On September 27, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Stock Island Investors, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, in Sections 34 and 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying westerly and southerly of Lots 1 to 6, inclusive, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 7, Block 59 of McDonald's Plat of Stock Island, containing 22.4 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and reported that no protests were filed to the sale.

6. MONROE COUNTY—On September 20, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$350.00 per acre from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Whale Harbor Spa, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Section 27, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, on Upper Matecumbe Key, containing 0.7 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on September 29, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1955, with sale to be held November 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

7. MONROE COUNTY—On September 27, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William R. Neblett, on behalf of clients, for purchase of three parcels of land:

Parcel No. 1—Submerged land in Boca Chica Channel in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Lot 41, Block 45 of McDonald's Plat, Stock Island, containing 0.63 of an acre;

Parcel No. 2—Submerged land in Boca Chica Channel in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying northeasterly and adjacent to Lots 35, 36 and 37, Block 45 of McDonald's Plat, Stock Island, containing 2.36 acres, more or less;

Parcel No. 3—Submerged land in Boca Chica Channel in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying northeasterly and adjacent to Lots 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47, Block 45 of McDonald's Plat, Stock Island, containing 6.80 acres, more or less.

The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 5, 1955, with sale to be held November 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the three parcels was called out on date advertised and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the seven parcels of land advertised for sale November 8, 1955, at the price offered by each applicant.

Mr. Wells stated that the offer for each parcel is the appraised value placed on the land, or on land adjacent thereto which has recently been appraised.

The following applications are submitted for purchase of land held by the Trustees in Dade, Lake and Lee Counties:

Dade County—H. Lichtenberg offers \$500.00 an acre for Government Lot 1, Section 9, Township 58 South, Range 41 East, containing 15.52 acres, more or less. Appraised price \$350.00 per acre;

Lake County—S. I. Francis offers \$25.00 an acre for the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, comprising 39.77 acres, more or less;

Lee County—Carl A. Norberg offers the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre for Government Lot 7, Section 22, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, comprising 45.47 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the three parcels for competitive bidding, starting with the offers submitted.

The State Road Department requests perpetual easement for right of way across certain parts of Manatee River in Sections 25, 26 and 24, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County, varying in width from 300 to 350 feet; also a temporary easement for dredging purposes from an area north of Section 25, same township and range, both in connection with improvement to State Road No. 55—Sec. 1313, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by the State Road Department covering perpetual use for right of way and temporary dredging area described.

The following applications are submitted by upland owners for purchase of submerged land in front of and adjacent to their property:

1. Martin County—Harry F. Dyer, on behalf of nine (9) upland owners, applies to purchase land adjacent to Sections 15 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 41 East. Recommend advertise for objections only, with sale at the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre;
2. Monroe County—A. J. Lerette, on behalf of American Van & Storage, Inc., offers \$200.00, the price charged for other submerged lands in that area, for 0.55 of an acre adjacent to Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East;
3. Monroe County—G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Dr. Irene Brooks-Lindstrom, offers \$150.00, which includes advertising cost, for 0.5 of an acre adjacent to Section 24, Township 63 South, Range 37 East;
4. Sarasota County—John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Edward S. Funsten, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2.36 acres adjacent to Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. Recommendation is made that the area be cut back to 1.15 acres due to wishes of the Inland Navigation District.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the four (4) parcels of submerged land, adjacent to upland ownership of applicants based on the price offered by each, it being understood that the acreage of Sarasota County land will be reduced as recommended.

The following applications are submitted for purchase of state owned land:

1. Monroe County—Bradley M. Waldron offers the appraised price of \$650.00 an acre for 2.6 acres of submerged land locally known as "Ellison Island" in Section 29, Township 64 South, Range 36 East;
2. Monroe County—C. Ronald Sawyer offers \$100.00 an acre for a mangrove island in Largo Sound, Section 13, Township 61 South, Range 39 East, containing 7 acres, more or less;
3. Monroe County—J. Frank Roberts offers \$50.00 an acre for 32 acres of submerged land four miles north of Key West in Township 67 South, Range 25 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees advertise for objections and competitive bids the three parcels of land described, starting with the offers submitted.

George W. Marks, County Superintendent, Board of Public Instruction of Volusia County, applies to the Trustees for conveyance without consideration of approximately fifty (50) acres of submerged land in Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, the land to be used for a school site.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the land to the Board of Public Instruction of Volusia County, without cost, subject to the land being advertised for objections only, the deed to contain restriction that the land is to be used for public school purposes.

On October 18, 1955, the Trustees advertised for objections only, to be sold November 22, 1955, 1.4 acres of submerged land in Indian River North, located in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County. The application was made by Willie E. Moore on the basis of \$350.00, which is the appraised price. J. U. Gillespie, representing Mr. Moore, now asks the Trustees to reconsider the appraised price and allow his client to purchase at a price of \$200.00, in view of the high cost for filling, as his only reason for purchasing is to protect his riparian rights and to provide access to the inland waterway.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees deny the request and if Mr. Moore does not care to purchase at the appraised price, the sale will be cancelled.

The Trustees passed for further information and checking by Mr. Elliot application from Ray G. Ruyle with offer of \$100.00 an acre for 8.50 acres of reclaimed bottom land in Lake Clarke, being that portion of Government Lot 5, Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, west of Lake Worth Heights Subdivision of the Town of Lake Worth.

Commonwealth Oil Company submits applications for two areas of land on which they desire oil leases covering seven-eighths ($\frac{7}{8}$) interest in oil, gas and minerals, owned or reserved by the state in the following described land for which they offer fifty cents (50c) per acre initial cash consideration or bonus and delay rental of fifty cents (50c) per acre per annum:

Dade County— $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 1, $S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 3, $S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 4, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 5, $S\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 6, All Sections 13 and 14; containing 3,200 acres, more or less, lying and being in Township 54 South, Range 36 East; and

Dade County—All Section 1, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 2, All of Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11; $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12, All of Section 13, $N\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 14, All of Sections 15 and 17, containing 8000 acres, more or less, lying and being in Township 54 South, Range 35 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for sealed competitive bids for seven-eighths reserved interest held by the state in the lands described, based on the application submitted.

The Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, acting for the United States Engineers, makes application for three spoil areas along the channel between Jacksonville and the Atlantic Ocean, one of the areas being on Goat Island in the St. Johns River, Duval County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to grant such areas as requested in so far as the interest of the state is concerned.

Palm Beach County requests release of restrictive clauses in Deed No. 18516, in order that the land released therefrom might be used for county fair association purposes and Junior College purposes. The land desired to be released from the restrictive clause lies in Section 29, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of the restrictive clause from Deed No. 18516 covering the parcel of land to be used for county fair and for Junior College purposes, with the definite agreement that the land will be used for those two public purposes only.

Mr. Walter P. Fuller of St. Petersburg, Florida, presented a proposal to the Trustees for purchase of approximately 434 acres of

submerged land in Sections 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 and 33, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, located on Terra Ceia Island in Manatee County. Application to purchase this land was presented to the Trustees on September 6, 1955, but action was postponed. Mr. Fuller presented a map of the area and indicated thereon the exterior boundaries of the water bottoms he desires to acquire, within which boundaries are included approximately 119 acres of land formerly purchased from Mr. W. V. Knott and about 95 acres of upland purchased from First National Bank of Bradenton. Mr. Fuller explained that he came up prepared to offer \$90.00 an acre for 220 acres of submerged land, and \$100.00 flat for the 214 acres, which his client has already purchased; that at the suggestion of Mr. Wells, Land Agent, he is making an alternate offer of \$50.00 an acre for the 219 acres in the Knott deed and 95 acres purchased from the Bank, and \$90.00 an acre for the remainder of the 434 acres—estimated as 220 acres.

In discussing the proposal the Trustees stated that they are not in position to make a decision at this time for the reason that they want to be sure the proposed development will not destroy the beauty of the Skyway and its approaches; that they also desire that some of the members of the Board make a personal inspection of the area, and that the engineers of the State Road Department be consulted to ascertain whether or not the proposed plan will affect the physical or scenic beauty of the Skyway or either side of the approaches.

Mr. Fuller stated that he has taken the matter up with the State Road Engineer at Bartow and submitted a tentative plan of the proposed development but has no information as to what recommendation was made to the Road Department; that he asked a representative from the State Road Department to be present today.

Governor Collins remarked that he would like to know how this plan will affect the public interest; that if Mr. Fuller will submit to the Trustees a plan of how he wants to develop this area, how much land will be filled and developed, and secure information from other adjoining land owners as to whether there is objection to the proposed plan, then the Trustees can determine what they can consistently authorize and agree on a price for the land.

Mr. Elliot suggested for consideration that the Trustees convey the area to be filled at the price to be agreed upon for the 434 acres, and that the Trustees grant without cost the fill material to be dredged from the submerged bottoms within the exterior lines shown on the map, the Trustees retaining title to the water bottoms. Mr. Elliot also stated that his information from the Road Department is that there are two points on which they are not in agreement: (1) making connection with the highway between the toll gates, and (2) moving the toll gate bayward on the Skyway.

No action was taken on the proposal, the Trustees requesting Mr. Fuller to submit a picture or plan of the proposed development, how much area will be filled and its description, the area from which the fill will be taken; work out with the State Road Department and

interested parties any objections to the program and submit all information to Mr. Wells and Mr. Elliot for study and report. In the meantime members of the Trustees will visit the area and be in position to know more about the situation.

Commonwealth Oil Company submits two requests affecting Oil and Gas Lease No. 833 as follows:

1. That in view of the fact that the records of the Trustees disclose that Lease No. 833 is in full force and effect with all delay rentals paid timely and in full; that a well has been drilled to a depth in excess of 6000 feet as required and geophysical explorations conducted as provided under Lease Paragraph 2A, Commonwealth desires approval of the Trustees for re-assignment by Gulf Oil Corporation of a portion of said Lease No. 833, which was heretofore assigned to Gulf by Commonwealth; and
2. That upon approval by the Trustees of reassignment by Gulf Oil Corporation to Commonwealth, as outlined in (1) approval is requested for assignment by Commonwealth to Humble Oil and Refining Company of that portion of Lease No. 833 reassigned by Gulf to Commonwealth, Humble Oil & Refining Company to be subject to all of the conditions of said lease, except as heretofore complied with.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Commonwealth Oil Company for reassignment from Gulf Oil Corporation as set forth under (1), and under (2) approve and authorize execution of "Consent to Assignment" from Commonwealth Oil Company to Humble Oil and Refining Company.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests fee simple title to two parcels of land owned by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, to be used as sites for permanent water control structures for Levee L-39;

S-10-B—14.6 acres in Section 10, Township 47 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County, and

S-10-D—14.5 acres in Section 6, Township 47 South, Range 40 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of deed in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District conveying the two parcels of Palm Beach County land for use in connection with Levee L-39.

The Town of Belleair, Pinellas County, Florida, requests that the Trustees convey to said town, without cost, the submerged bottoms in Clearwater Harbor outward from the town limits. The request

is made for the purpose of protecting the Town of Belleair against the building up of so-called fingers out in the bay.

Mr. Elliot recommends that conveyance not be made for the reason that an act passed in 1955 places control of the type of structures to be built in intracoastal waters under control of local authority in Pinellas County.

Upon discussion of suggestions submitted by Governor Collins and Attorney General Ervin as to the best way to handle the situation and give the Town of Belleair some protection against building up the bay bottoms, motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Town of Belleair be advised that the Trustees are agreeable to conveying to the town an undivided one-half interest in the water bottoms adjacent to the city limits of the town, with the prohibition against sale by either party of any part of the one-half interest without consent of the other party.

Report was made by Mr. Terry Lee, Coordinator for the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, that bids were received in the Board Room, November 8, 1955, for purchase and removal of the building known as the "Whitfield House", located on the north-east corner of Monroe and Lafayette Streets, and the highest bid received was \$350.00 from J. M. Adams, Adams Lumber Company of Dothan, Alabama. Five bidders were present.

The report was received and check in amount of \$350.00 from Mr. Adams was turned over to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund for deposit.

Financial Statements for the month of October are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of October 1, 1955.....	\$1,437,206.61
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Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	\$151,251.17
Quitclaim Deeds.....	148.00
Grazing Lease	142.00
Sand & Shell Leases.....	6,390.19
Oil Leases	26.67
Advertising	81.23
Timber Leases	189.60
Miscellaneous Leases	775.00
Mineral Leases	276.00
General Lease	52.00
Revenue Bonds	8,125.00
Fill Material	3,272.20
Campsite Lease	50.00
Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	6.00
Sale of Trustees Minutes.....	10.00
Certification of Trustees Deed	2.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
MONTH OF OCTOBER,
1955

170,797.06

GRAND TOTAL

1,608,003.67

Less Disbursements for October,
1955

886,999.30

BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER
31, 1955

721,004.37

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
10- 4-55	79355	The Key West Citizen.....	\$ 196.27
	79356	DeLand Sun News.....	18.40
	79357	The Miami Herald.....	89.06
	79358	Sarasota Appraisal Service.....	40.00
	79359	Key West Board of Realtors.....	120.00
	79360	H. Bryant Merritt.....	200.00
	79361	Standard Oil Company.....	19.34
	79362	Lloyd M. Hicks, CCC.....	1.00
	79363	Burroughs Corporation	39.40
	79364	E. B. Leatherman, CCC.....	9.75
	79365	Claude A. Gandolfo, TA.....	100.00
	79366	Dan Carter Company.....	48.50
10- 7-55	84317	The Lewis State Bank.....	122,514.25
	84318	Capital City National Bank.....	39,856.67
10-10-55	85824	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas- urer, To State Board Conser- vation	5,393.38
	85825	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas- urer, To State Board Con- servation	6,760.40
10-10-55	85857	The Lewis State Bank.....	126,821.88
10-13-55	93131	The H. & W. B. Drew Com- pany	42.50
	93121	Southeastern Telephone Co.....	84.05
	93122	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	11.45
	93123	The Miami Herald.....	95.00
	93124	Ronnie Green	50.00
	93125	E. D. Keefer.....	400.00
	93126	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	4.46
	93127	Leon Blueprinting Co.....	46.87
	93128	Rose Printing Co.....	94.00
	93129	Capital Venetian Blind Co.....	22.50
	93130	Ivey Motors Inc.	1.50
10-14-55	95272	Ned A. Richardson.....	90.00
10-15-55	87503	W. Howell	189.32
	87504	C. E. Halley.....	196.82
	87505	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.....	6.95
	87506	Professional Life Ins. Co.....	5.25
	87507	State Retirement	26.00

	87508	Federal Tax	9.20
10-17-55	95563	The Lewis State Bank	109,646.78
10-18-55	95566	J. Edwin Larson—Tr. to G.R.	49,698.67
	97363	J. Edwin Larson—Tr. to State School Fund	385,689.98
	97364	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas- urer, Tr to Board Commis- sioners State Institutions	32,414.86
	97365	J. Edwin Larson, State Treas- urer, Tr. to General Revenue	409.06
10-19-55	102197	Sinclair Wells	158.02
10-20-55	103700	Shell Oil Company	9.95
	103701	Capital Venetian Blind Co.	33.00
	103702	The George D. Barnard Co.	406.57
	103703	Marchant Calculators	36.00
	103704	Ft. Pierce Newspapers, Inc.	21.85
	103705	DeLand Sun News	14.95
	103706	Ft. Lauderdale Daily News	12.65
	103707	The Key West Citizen	132.62
10-31-55	90894	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	90895	H. G. Morton	485.90
	90896	A. R. Williams	449.33
	90897	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	90898	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	90899	M. O. Barco	387.93
	90900	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	90901	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	90902	Sinclair Wells	361.21
	90903	C. M. Greene	49.35
	90904	R. N. Landers	27.41
	90905	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.	23.15
	90906	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	90907	State Retirement	279.89
	90908	Federal Tax	628.90
	112206	A. R. Williams	45.18
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, 1955			\$886,999.30

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of October 1, 1955	\$ 475.00
Receipts	- 0 -
Disbursements	- 0 -
Balance as of October 31, 1955	\$ 475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

October 21, 1955	\$16,514.95
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Disbursements from General Revenue:

10-31-55	89331	E. Hewitt	373.86
	89332	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	89333	Provident Life & Acc. Ins. Co.	7.75
	89334	State Retirement	26.97
	89335	Federal Tax	79.30

Total Disbursements for the Month \$ 771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 623 was presented listing for approval Polk County Deed No. 934-Duplicate to John Rorey, in lieu of original deed lost before having been recorded; also twenty-four (24) quitclaim deeds issued for releasing all or a part of the road right of way reserved in original deeds, said releases having been approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 623 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Mrs. Theora B. Mixson requests reconsideration of action taken by the Trustees October 25, 1955, on Alachua County application for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953—the Hardship Act. The Trustees fixed a price of \$400.00 for the purchase of Lot 6, Block 5, less East 10 feet, University Place, Gainesville, for which the applicant offered \$100.00.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he has information to the effect that this property has been in the Mixson family for years; that in 1932 while Mr. Mixson was ill he conveyed title to Mr. Whitehurst as security for a loan and through oversight the taxes assessed against the lot for 1931 were not paid that year; that the amount of taxes unpaid was very small and they feel \$400.00 is too high for the lot under the circumstances.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action and authorize conveyance of the lot to Mrs. Mixson upon payment of \$100.00.

Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District requests conveyance to the District of Tract 31, Section 13, Township 50 South, Range 39 East, containing 10 acres in Broward County. It was explained that the tract was classified as double reversion land, the State under the Murphy Act and Everglades Drainage District for non-payment of district taxes both having an equity. Through error sale was made by the District without sale by the State. The District later sold the land and has now discovered the State has title also.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the tract to

Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District under provisions of Chapter 21684, upon payment of \$100.00.

Request was presented from Mr. Kenneth Ballinger that conveyance be made to Athleon Alderman to certain lots in Okeechobee County for which she was high bidder at sales March 3, 1952, and Sept. 28, 1954, Reports 115-116. Mr. Elliot explained that this land is now involved in litigation and it is recommended that the Trustees consider Athleon Alderman the rightful purchaser but that no conveyance be made until the litigation is disposed of.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and decline to issue deed at this time, Mr. Ballinger to be advised of the reasons for such action.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that authority be given for issuance of warrant in amount of \$10.00 to Frederick C. Forster as reimbursement for land conveyed by Hillsborough County Deed No. 4956 for the reason that the lot does not exist.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Citrus, Jefferson, Okaloosa, Pasco and Wakulla Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates did not vest title in the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
November 22, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented the following sale advertised to be held to-day, subject to competitive bidding.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Tave Waldron for purchase

of Lot 4, Section 34, Township 35 South, Range 31 East, containing 47.95 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$100.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Highlands County News on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that sale would be made subject to Lease No. 731 which expires July 13, 1956.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$136.00 an acre being made by Lykes Brothers.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$136.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Lykes Brothers.

The following sales were advertised for objections only based on applications from upland owners who have offered the appraised price for purchase of submerged land adjacent to their property:

1. SARASOTA AND CHARLOTTE COUNTIES—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of George W. Denison, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, in Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County, and land in Section 2, Township 41 South, Range 19 East, Charlotte County, containing in the two tracts a total of 5.8 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law and copy of notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, and in the Punta Gorda Herald on October 20, 28, November 3, 10 and 17, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office; and

2. SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of G. W. Hascomb, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to the South 139.77 feet of the North 2693.6 feet of said Section 16, containing 2.4 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office; and

3. SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre from R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of Dorothy C. Saunders, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to that part of the Corrected Plat of Galleon's Reach, between two lines parallel to and 700 and 800 feet respectively from the north line of said Galleon's Reach, containing 3.6 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only

and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office; and

4. **MONROE COUNTY**—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Frank Hutton, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico, in Section 25, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, lying northerly of and adjacent to Lots 12 and 13, Block 60, Crain's Subdivision of Grassy Key, containing 0.4 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office; and

5. **VOLUSIA COUNTY**—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$350.00 from Willie E. Moore for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 274, 275 and the northerly 16.16 feet of Lot 276, of the Town of Hawks Park, containing 1.4 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of parcels 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and reported that no objections have been filed to any of the sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of land described in favor of applicant named in each sale on the basis of the offers submitted with each application.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date for purchase of land in Sarasota County. Applicants are the adjacent upland owners and have offered the appraised price for the land:

1. **SARASOTA COUNTY**—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William E. Robertson, on behalf of Tod and Neal Chapline Swalm and Phaon H. and Muriel T. Swalm, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, Parcel No. 1 containing 0.80 of an acre more or less, and Parcel No. 2 containing 0.90 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Also

2. **SARASOTA COUNTY**—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from John T. Graham, on behalf of James E. Henderson, for purchase of a parcel of land in Little

Sarasota Bay in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, containing 2.0 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Also

3. SARASOTA COUNTY—On October 11, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from W. Morris Smith, Jr., on behalf of Dr. Dean O. Taggart, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay in Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.001 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on October 21, 28, November 4, 11 and 18, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of each parcel of land and reported that the County Attorney for Sarasota County has protested the sales. He recommends that these three Sarasota County sales be passed over pending investigation of the objections.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees defer action on the three Sarasota County sales until investigation can be made of the protest filed by the County Attorney.

The Trustees deferred action at the November 15 meeting on application from Ray G. Ruyle with offer of \$100.00 an acre for 8.50 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Clarke, being that portion of Government Lot 5, Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, lying west of Lake Worth Heights Subdivision of the Town of Lake Worth.

Mr. Wells recommends that the application be denied, information having been received that Mr. Ruyle is not the adjacent upland owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees deny the application from Mr. Ruyle.

V. Guy Day, on behalf of Bellemead Development Corporation, offers \$10.00 an acre for Government Lots 2 and 3, the E½ of NE¼ and E½ of SE¼, Section 18, and the SW¼ of Section 8, all in Township 13 South, Range 32 East, Volusia County, containing a total of 400 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer submitted, which is not less than the appraised price.

Everett V. Kinsman offered the appraised price of \$100.00 for one acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Barry

Beach Subdivision, Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only based on offer submitted.

J. T. Landon makes application for a ten-year business lease on four (4) acres of spoil area located on the west side of Mud Island in the St. Johns River, Duval County, for which he offers \$500.00 annual rental; lease to become effective January 1, 1956.

Mr. Wells explained that the lease will be subject to release of the area by the United States and will also contain the clause providing for cancellation by the Trustees upon ninety (90) days notice to lessee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten (10) year lease in favor of Mr. Landon at the rental offered, conditioned upon release by the Federal Government and inclusion in said lease of the 90-day cancellation clause.

Raymond S. Scarborough requests permission to assign his Fishing Camp Lease No. 236 on Shoal No. 5 in Biscayne Bay, Dade County, to Alan Wylie, and has filed with the Land Office the proper affidavit of assignment.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment of lease as requested by Mr. Scarborough, assignee to assume all conditions and requirements under said Lease No. 236.

Robert O. Foerster Lumber Company, Inc., desires to cancel its Timber Lease No. 956 covering several hundred acres of land in Citrus and Levy Counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Lease No. 956, all payments to date having been made as required.

Mr. Elliot reported that there has been considerable controversy over dredging work being done in Lake Conway, Orange County, and protests have been filed by adjoining upland owners on the ground that the level of the lake is being lowered; that in order to settle the dispute it will be necessary for the Trustees to incur the expense of making surveys for the purpose of relocating the old meander line and also the 86.4 contour, which is the new ordinary high water contour and to which the upland owner doing the dredging will have to confine his operations. Other owners propose bringing suit to stop this dredging.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize Mr. Elliot to have the necessary survey work done and if legal assistance is necessary to main-

tain the rights of the state that he call upon the Attorney General's office.

Without objection Mr. Wells was authorized to hold up advertising oil and gas lease applied for by Commonwealth Oil Company November 15th, explanation being made that better bids would probably be received a few weeks later than at this time.

Mr. Elliot presented the following letter from Attorney General Ervin and himself:

November 21, 1955

Trustees Internal Improvement Fund
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

RE: Questions (1) as to whether or not one or more oil leases may describe lands outside the boundaries of Florida, and (2) title to certain small islands and keys in Monroe County, Florida.

Gentlemen:

Recently there was referred to us for study and recommendation, (1) the question of whether or not certain areas in recent oil and gas leases made by the Trustees may not be within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Florida, and (2) the question of whether certain small islands and keys in Monroe County, Florida, came to the state as sovereignty lands upon its admission as a state in 1845, or were lands above average high water mark and not sovereignty lands.

Much of the correspondence in our files has been from Senators Holland and Smathers and they have been furnished with copies of most of our correspondence concerning the same, so that they are fully advised of the contention of the respective parties and agreeable to the holding of a conference with the United States Department of the Interior, as hereinafter suggested, for the purpose of discussing the respective contentions of the United States and of the State of Florida.

It is, therefore, our suggestion that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund arrange a conference with the United States Department of Interior for a discussion between the said department and the State of Florida of the above questions, and that the conferees on the part of the State of Florida be named. In this connection it is suggested that Senators Holland and Smathers, together with Honorable Dante B. Fascell, the member of Congress representing the Fourth Florida District, be requested to attend such conference as ex officio representatives for the State of Florida at such conference.

We feel that speed may be of the essence in this case to prevent litigation by the United States against the State of Florida and to

prevent the possible sale by the United States of some of the above mentioned islands and keys in Monroe County.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General
Fred C. Elliot
Secretary and Engineer
Trustees I. I. Fund.

Mr. Elliot stated that it was his information that the Federal Government will withhold advertisement and fixing date for sale of the Monroe County keys until the conference between the Interior Department and representatives of the state can be had; that with reference to oil leases outside the boundaries of Florida, he has indicated on a U. S. Coast Chart where those leases are located and the boundaries; that the boundaries of one lease extend slightly beyond the three-mile limit in the Straits of Florida and the other involves an area twelve miles wide and thirty-six miles long, the western extremity of which includes the Dry Tortugas. The twelve-mile width parallels the area between the Gulf of Mexico and the Straits of Florida.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he and Mr. Elliot both suggest that if the Trustees would like to have this conference held, that they be authorized, along with other members of the Trustees, if convenient, to meet with the Department of the Interior officials and arrive at some conclusions if possible as to both the questions—boundaries of the oil leases and title to small islands or keys that both the state and the government claim. It was also suggested that members of the Florida delegation in Congress be invited to the conference.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot, together with any other members that can attend, represent the Trustees and arrange the conference with the Department of the Interior, and that members of the Florida delegation in Washington be invited to attend.

Letter was presented from Mrs. Burton Bigelow, Secretary of the Alliance for the Conservation of Natural Resources, protesting the dredging and filling operations of Causeway Isle Developing Company in Boca Ceiga Bay.

In discussing the matter it was explained that this area was sold into private ownership many years ago and since the 1955 Legislature enacted a law that puts control of such matters in a Navigation Board for the county, the Trustees have no control over these matters.

Mr. Ben Overton of St. Petersburg being present on another matter stated that he and associates represent clients who are opposed to the proposed fill and development program referred to by Mrs. Bigelow and a suit is now pending in the Supreme Court, but he has

no information as to the group making the protest or the nature of the objections.

No action was taken.

Mr. Ben Overton, representing Dr. Hunter Smith, owner of Gulf front property known as Redington Shores, Pinellas County, reported to the Trustees that an adjacent owner, William Snyder, has extended and filled land out into the Gulf of Mexico beyond the bulkhead line established; that the said party is dredging out into the open water and causing erosion of the beach; that so far as he can ascertain no title to the water bottoms in front of the upland property is vested in Mr. Snyder. Mr. Overton stated that he plans to file suit, on behalf of his client, to protect the beach and would like to name the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as defendants in order to have them file answer as to their position.

Without objection it was agreed that Mr. Overton make the Trustees party to the suit as suggested; also that Mr. Wells be instructed to contact the sheriff of Pinellas County and request that he take action to stop the dredging operations out into the gulf beyond the limits prescribed by law, citing the law under which the sheriff has authority to take such action.

Mr. Howard Rives of Clearwater, Florida, came before the Trustees on behalf of a group of interested property owners who have been protesting the filling in of Clearwater Bay. He stated that they have filed a written petition with the Trustees asking that a determination be made of what portions constitute sovereignty lands; that the party making the fill took title from the Trustees in 1926 when Section 1061 of the Revised General Statutes was in force; that said deed purported only to convey the right, title and interest of the Trustees as given by said Section, which excluded the right to sell lands on which the water was three feet deep at high tide. Request is made that the Trustees make an investigation to determine what lands did not pass title.

Mr. Rives stated that he is about to go into court and is asking that the Trustee represent the interest of the public to assist in establishing that the area being protested is sovereignty land.

Without objection the matter was referred to the Attorney General for handling and filing answer in any suit that might be brought.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Accountant	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50

B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
Capital City National Bank, Tallahassee, Fla. Collier County STSD Bonds	82,716.33
Leonard Santini, Ft. Myers, Fla. Surveying costs	1,005.00
City of Pahokee—Part of loan for Pahokee Breakwater Project	68,535.00
Oklawaha Basin, Recreation & Water Conser- vation and Control Authority—Advance on loan	50,000.00
Harry M. McWhorter—Appraisal	50.00
A. B. Arbogast—Appraisal	25.00
Stuart Daily News, Inc.—Advertising costs	16.10
Ledger Publishing Co., Lakeland—Advertis- ing costs	14.95
The Key West Citizen—Advertising costs	53.13
Midyette-Moor Ins. Agency, Tallahassee—Re- newal of Workmen's Compensation Insurance	56.68
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To Board of Conservation	7,300.00
Southeastern Telephone Co.	108.70
E. D. Keefer—Appraisal	100.00
Western Union Telegraph Co.	3.97
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
Ft. Pierce Newspapers, Inc.—Advertising	12.07
The Miami Herald—Advertising	49.88
Citrus County Chronicle—Advertising	12.27
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent	75.00
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel voucher ..	15.16
Fred M. Burns—Expenses	73.65
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector, Palm Beach County—For 1955 taxes	20,880.23
W. H. Meeks, Jr., Tax Collector, Broward County	28.98
Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector, Dade County ..	100.76
W. E. Pound, Tax Collector, Osceola County ..	.46
A. O. Ward, Tax Collector, Hendry County	1.84
Cecile Y. Pape, Tax Collector, Glades County ..	349.24
Troy E. Moody, Tax Col., Indian River Co.	557.46
J. Colin DeShong, Tax Col., Highlands Co.	4.71
Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Col., Palm Beach Co.	3,952.22
Shawano Drainage Dist.—Levee maintenance ..	1,050.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State School Fund	33,746.81
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer To State Board of Conservation	5,308.08
Indian River Farms Drainage District For drainage taxes	2,303.05
Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector, Okeechobee County	3.35

Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County	
Recording fee	40.40
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	4.92
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla	1.17
International Business Machines Corp., Tallahassee	30.00
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee	4.00
Capital Paper Co., Tallahassee	13.00
Dowling-Douglas Dupl. Mach. Co., Jacks'ville	7.45
C. B. Arbogast—Appraisal	25.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	100.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co.—Appraisal.....	100.00
Carl G. Harding—Appraisal	100.00
The Florida Times Union—Advertising	48.75
The Bradenton Herald—Advertising	16.87
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	70.53
The Coral Tribune—Advertising	16.10
Citrus County Chronicle—Advertising	11.50
TOTAL	\$283,814.76

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 524 was presented listing 52 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and also Hillsborough County Deed No. 2835-Cor. in favor of Doyle Campbell and F. M. Hahn, for correcting description in original deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 624 as submitted and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Brevard, Nassau and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having recommended such action.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel voucher	22.38
Frederick C. Forster—Refund Pt. Deed 4956, Hillsborough County	10.00
A. C. Frizzell, Punta Gorda—Refund Pt. Deed 329, Charlotte County	20.00
Rose Rome, DeLand—Refund Pt. Deed 3852, Volusia County	40.00
TOTAL	\$ 863.63

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 6, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated November 1, 15 and 22, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Gulf Oil Corporation requests approval for assignment to Commonwealth Oil Company of certain areas under Lease No. 833 in Santa Rosa, Escambia, Oklaloosa and Walton Counties.

Mr. Wells stated that the lease provides for such assignments upon approval by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment under Lease No. 833 from Gulf Oil Corporation to Commonwealth Oil Company as requested. (A similar request from Commonwealth Oil Company was approved November 15, 1955.)

T. M. Creel of Bonifay, Florida, makes application for two-year timber lease on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 4 North, Range 14 West, Washington County, for which he offers \$200.00. Mr. Wells recommends that the offer be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two-year timber lease in favor of Mr. Creel at the price offered—\$200.00 for the lease.

George S. Brockway, on behalf of clients, offers \$65.00 an acre for the following described reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Webster, Palm Beach County:

Charles N. Boos—24.49 acres more or less in Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 43 East;

S. P. Hooker—30.76 acres, more or less, in Section 17, Township 45 South, Range 43 East.

Mr. Wells stated that the price offered is based on appraisal of adjacent land, and he recommends the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers and authorize sale in favor of Mr. Boos and Mr. Hooker of the respective parcels applied for, without advertisement.

James G. Lassetter, DeFuniak Springs, Florida, offers \$100.00 an acre for a small sand bar, containing approximately 3 acres, lying in the unsurveyed SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, Franklin County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the parcel advertised for objections and competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$100.00 an acre.

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission requests a five-year extension of Lease No. 771, which covers an area comprising 8,909 acres in Lake Miccosukee, Jefferson County. The lease is for the purpose of regulating hunting and fishing on the lake.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension for five years on Lease No. 771 as requested by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

The State Road Department makes application for the following right of way easements:

Volusia County—Easement for dredging area in the Halifax River, being that part of the submerged area in Section 8, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, for use in connection with State Road A1A;

Manatee County—Easement for 60-foot right of way across Palma Sola Bay, Perico Bayou and Sarasota Pass, located in Sections 25, 26, 27 and 28, Township 34 South, Range 16 East, and Section 30, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, for use in connection with State Road No. 64—Section 1315-175;

Pinellas County—Temporary easement covering a dredging area in Old Tampa Bay for material to be used on improvement and widening of State Road No. 600—Sec. 1509-151, said parcel being submerged land in Section 16, Township

30 South, Range 17 East, containing 87.23 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easements as requested by the State Road Department for use of State roads in Volusia, Manatee and Pinellas Counties.

Madison F. Pacetti, on behalf of Hillsboro Plantation, Inc., requests that the Trustees agree to an exchange on an acre for acre basis of land in Palm Beach County owned by the state for three sections owned by his clients. The sections proposed to be conveyed to the state by Hillsboro Plantation Company are Sections 26, 34 and 36, Township 46 South, Range 38 East, the Trustees conveying to the company Sections 15, 23 and 25, Township 46 South, Range 38 East.

Mr. Elliot explained that the exchange will block up holdings of the Trustees and of Hillsboro Plantation Company with other lands owned by each; that the lands are of approximately equal value and the exchange is recommended, the Trustees to make conveyance without reservation for oil and minerals and the deed from the company to convey title to the state without such reservations.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize exchange of the lands as outlined by Mr. Elliot, the Attorney General's office to examine and pass upon title to lands coming to the state.

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, by its Director A. D. Aldrich, requests that the Trustees make available to the commission and set aside an area in Lake Okeechobee, between the 17 and 10-foot contours on the northwest side of the lake, from the Kissimmee River to Fisheating Creek, said area to be under wild-life management for the purpose of furnishing public recreation.

Mr. Elliot reported that the area will take in a strip about 19 miles long by $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in width.

The Governor suggested that action be deferred and that a representative from the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission be asked to come before the board next week to discuss the plans for the area requested. Without objection, the suggestion of the Governor was adopted and Mr. Elliot was asked to convey the information to Mr. Aldrich.

O. P. Johnson, City Attorney for the City of St. Cloud, Florida, requests that reservation in Osceola County Deed No. 49-5, dated October 14, 1935, to the city, be released from said deed as the city anticipates using a portion of the land for garbage disposal, mosquito control and any municipal purpose that may arise.

Mr. Elliot reported that title to the land conveyed in Deed No. 49-5 came to the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572 of

1929, under a Court Order representing \$1,079.52, and where conveyance is made for other than public purposes payment in amount of the decree is usually required.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees agree to authorize the additional use of the land so as to include other municipal purposes for the public.

The University of North Carolina requests that volumes 8 through 29, minutes of the Trustees, be made available to the University library and if any cost, that they be advised in advance what the charge will be.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees furnish the volumes of minutes requested by the University of North Carolina without cost, with information that the volumes are being sent in the name of the University of Florida at Gainesville in order that the Florida institution will get credit for any exchange publications the University of North Carolina might have.

Mr. W. P. Fuller of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Mr. Doyle E. Carlton of Tampa, were present in connection with an application submitted to the Trustees November 15, 1955, on behalf of clients.

Mr. Fuller stated that there was certain information the Trustees requested him to furnish, among which was that he secure from the State Road Department a report as to whether his plans will interfere with the physical plans of the Skyway and whether or not it will detract from the scenic beauty; that he prepared a map and submitted it to Mr. H. M. Johnson, District Engineer at Bartow, and to Mr. H. E. Lewis, State Highway Engineer in Tallahassee; that the Road Department was not able to give the recommendation in writing but Mr. Lewis is present to give his views on the subject.

Mr. Lewis stated that in the absence from town of the Chairman of the State Road Department, he took the matter up with Mr. M. N. Yancey, right of way engineer, and they had a conference with Mr. Carlton and Mr. Fuller. He has Mr. Yancey's report and is ready to prepare his report to the Chairman; that he concurs in Mr. Yancey's recommendation to allow the fill with the stipulation that this arrangement in no way predicates any settlement of access rights to the Skyway, which is a matter now under consideration but having no particular bearing on the proposal under consideration; that his recommendation will be subject to approval by the Chairman after which copy of the report will be filed with the Trustees.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that the access rights can be protected in deeds from the Trustees to Mr. Fuller's clients, and suggested that in the event the sale is consummated the deeds be examined by the State Road Department before execution and delivery.

Attorney General Ervin asked Mr. Fuller if his clients should acquire this area, will they use that as upland to further make fills and exercise riparian rights. Mr. Fuller replied that they will not; that they have had borings made and there is less than six feet of

material which will not be sufficient to fill the areas indicated. He also stated that it is agreeable that the deed include a statement to the effect that there will be no further filling, and that any dredging done will be subject to approval of the State Road Department engineers.

Governor Collins suggested that if additional fill is needed, the Trustees would be disposed to give it from another location.

Mr. Fuller, on behalf of clients, exhibited to the Trustees a map prepared by Rader Engineering Co., of Miami and St. Petersburg, Florida, designated "Preliminary Study of Fill Area Showing Maximum Perimeter—Skyway Isles Development."

The map shows in green property now owned by the applicants. The part of this property to the east is comprised of Government Lots 3 and 4, Section 27, Township 34 South, Range 17 East. The title to these lots is not in dispute and the area comprising the same is not involved in the proposed transaction with the Trustees. The applicants propose that a transaction be entered into with the Trustees under which applicants will receive title to the remaining lands shown in green. (This land is usually referred to as the "Knott Traverse" and the "First National Bank of Bradenton lands". The applicants have already acquired such title as Mr. Knott and the said bank have been siezed of, but desire title from the Trustees to perfect their title and make complete their ownership.)

The applicants propose to acquire from the Trustees, in addition to these lands in green, all the lands shown in yellow. These are now submerged lands and the applicants, in addition to desiring title thereto, further desire the right to take full material from all of the balance of the lands embraced within the metes and bounds outer perimeter shown by the map, except that no fill shall be taken from any lands owned, controlled or used by any agency of the state in connection with and as a part of the Sunshine Skyway, unless by express consent of the State Road Department first had and obtained.

The consideration which shall be paid to the Trustees for the conveyance of the above rights and title shall be equal to a sum arrived at by figuring \$90.00 per acre for all of the area embraced within the outer perimeter of the map referred to, less the acreage referred to as Government Lots 3 and 4, and less the right of way deeded to the State Road Department for the Sunshine Skyway, which is 500 feet wide over presently submerged lands and tapers to a normal width of 200 feet as it traverses the upland involved. (This land also to be expressly excepted from any deed.)

The engineer, Mr. Elliot, representing the Trustees, is requested to make calculations for the purpose of arriving at the proposed purchase price in consultation with the applicants or their representatives. When such computation has been decided upon, then it is agreed that Mr. Sinclair Wells, Land Agent, will proceed with publication of the proper advertisement for objections only for consummation of the transaction.

Upon call by the Governor for action on the proposal and the proposed handling thereof,, a unanimous vote of approval was given, subject, however, to due advertisement and determination of objections, if any.

Governor Collins stated that the records should also show that, according to statement from Mr. Fuller, the County Commissioners of Manatee County have indicated their general approval of the whole project.

Mr. Lewis, State Road Department engineer, was requested to furnish the Trustees with statement from the Chairman as to the Department's view on the proposed improvement.

Mr. E. C. Kavanaugh, attorney of Bradenton, Florida, appearing on behalf of Mr. W. V. Knott, stated that he would like to bring certain facts before the Trustees as to an unfortunate report that appeared in the Times Union of Jacksonville recently concerning title of Mr. Knott to these lands and deed from the Trustees in 1934. He stated substantially as follows:

That Government Lots 3 and 4 came out of the United States by patent in 1878 to Edward Patton; that when the lines were run there were no reservations made and under the law of the country title came on down as patented out of the Government and included all of the marsh and swamp lands to Tampa Bay. In 1910 Mr. Charles Knott took title and in 1923 Mr. W. V. Knott acquired title to the land; that owing to default in mortgage on the part of one Barber, foreclosure was instituted in 1933; that owing to the nature of the land it was difficult to determine property lines and in order to get a Government loan the Federal Land Bank required that the lines be run, which was done. In order to clear the title, Mr. Knott in 1934 applied to the Trustees for a deed to confirm his title. The land was advertised for objections only and deed was issued reciting the consideration as \$10.00. Statement was made, not by any members of the Trustees, that according to certain records of the State there was nothing to show that the sum of \$10.00 was paid by Mr. Knott and it is unfortunate that it was made to appear to the public that this land which heretofore has not been of any value was secured by Mr. Knott for ulterior motives; that they wanted the facts to be made public and they have evidence available to prove it.

Governor Collins remarked that Mr. Knott was too well known for any thought to be entertained that the land transaction was not handled in a proper manner or that he had used his office to acquire the land through improper procedure, and no one needed any explanation as to his actions in this matter.

Attorney General Ervin explained that Mr. Knott called at his office and together they examined the minutes of the Trustees in 1934 when the sale of land to Mr. Knott was made (minutes of June 6, 1934 were read) stating that Mr. Knott had a preemptive right to the land purchased, the same as the present applicants have; that it is true he was a member of the Board at the time of this sale in 1934 but declined to vote on the matter; that he acted on the re-

quest from the Federal Land Bank and took the means he did to clear the title in order to get the loan from the Federal Bank; that the record in the minutes has stood for 21 years and not been questioned, and he does not believe any real onus should be reflected upon Mr. Knott; that the land was advertised as required by law and went through the proper procedure.

Attorney General Ervin reported that in response to request for a meeting on title to islands in Monroe County, representatives of the Interior Department have suggested a meeting in Washington the week of December 12.

The Attorney General was asked to try and arrange another date later on for a meeting in Tallahassee.

Attorney General Ervin requested that Mr. Elliott make as a part of the Trustees' records a report of the findings in the Land Office, Department of Agriculture, as to the claim of John Wilkins to land in Jefferson County, and of the findings in the Secretary's office as to claim of W. F. or W. T. French (Franch) to land known as the Goat Island Group in the St. Johns River, Duval County.

Without objection it was so ordered.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 625 listing 22 regular bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296; 29 quitclaim deeds for releasing a part or the whole of the road right of way reserved in original deeds as approved by the State Road Department, and Palm Beach County Deed No. 3432—Duplicate to Matthew Fergan, to replace original Deed No. 3432 which is reported lost without having been recorded.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Report No. 625 be approved as presented and that deeds corresponding thereto be executed.

E. Covington Johnson, on behalf of W. E. Whitlock, Jr., requests that the Trustees allow bidding on an acreage basis, rather than as lots, starting at \$5.00 an acre, for 201 subdivision lots in the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 17 East, Alachua County, comprising approximately 43 acres.

It was explained that the land was subdivided into lots and the plat thereof is recorded in the records as a subdivision, and not as acreage and was so certified to the state under the Murphy Act—Chapter 18296.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to allow bidding for the land on an acreage basis with starting bid of \$5.00 for an acre.

A. R. Surles, Jr., and L. D. Oxford, both of Lakeland, Florida, make request that the Trustees release oil and mineral reservations in Deeds 2901, 3215 and 3221 without the obligation to construct a building on each lot within a period of two years. Their client is applying for an F.H.A. loan to construct houses, but they do not know whether all houses will be completed within two years and for that reason they ask that the regulation be waived in this case.

Upon discussion of the regulation, which was adopted by the Trustees, it was suggested that it might be advisable to adopt some modification of the rule so as to take care of cases where an F.H.A. loan was being applied for to cover a number of buildings.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of the oil and mineral reservations on those lots covered by application from Mr. Surles and Mr. Oxford, without the two year limitation for erection of a building.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he would like to discuss with Mr. Fred Burns of his office a possible change in the regulation.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Alachua, Citrus and Indian River Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LE ROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
December 13, 1955

The Trustees of the International Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented sales advertised to be held on this date, as follows:

MONROE COUNTY—On October 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Albert S. Dubbin for purchase

of Lot 1, Section 33, Township 65 South, Range 28 East, containing 24.76 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and the only bid received was a joint bid of \$100.00 an acre from Albert S. Dubbin and Phil Sadowski.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre from Dubbin and Sadowski for the land advertised.

MONROE COUNTY—On October 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offers from N. Lichtenberg as follows:

Parcel 1—\$200.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 14, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, containing 10.00 acres, more or less;

Parcel 2—\$250.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 33, Township 65 South, Range 30 East, containing 7.00 acres, more or less.

The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of Parcel 1 was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$210.00 an acre from Dr. Bradley Waldron.

Description of Parcel 2 was called out and the only bid received was \$250.00 an acre from N. Lichtenberg.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$210.00 an acre from Dr. Waldon for Parcel 1, and the bid of \$250.00 an acre from Mr. Lichtenberg for Parcel 2.

The following sales were advertised to be held on this date, application having been made by the upland owner for submerged land adjacent to their respective ownerships:

1. **MONROE COUNTY**—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Clem C. Price, which is the appraised price of adjacent lands, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lots 21, 22 and 23, Sun Krest Subdivision, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune, Key West, Florida, on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

2. **MONROE COUNTY**—On October 25, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, the appraised price, from Wil-

liam R. Neblett, on behalf of Delio Cobo, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel, Section 36, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying easterly and southerly of Lot 7, Block 61 of McDonald's Plat, Stock Island, containing 10.5 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune of Key West, Florida, on November 4, 11, 18, 25 and December 2, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

3. MONROE COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, which is the appraised price, from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Webster Lee Brainerd, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Straits of Florida, in Section 11, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Tract 10 of Edmonds Acreage Tracts, containing 5.0 acres, more or less. The Trustees advertised the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publications are filed in the records of the Land Office.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, the appraised price, from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Harden X. Thomas, et ux, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Florida Bay in Section 25, Township 65 South, Range 33 East, lying northerly of and adjacent to Lot 5, Block 61 Crain's Subdivision, Grassy Key, containing 1.5 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

5. MONROE COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00, which is the appraised price, from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Edward T. Duffy, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel in Section 33, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to the northeast one-half of Lot 3, Block 10, Stratton's Subdivision, containing 0.46 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

6. MONROE COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$150.00, which is the appraised price, from T. O. Berryhill, on behalf of H. D. Perry, et ux, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Florida Straits in Section 6, Township 64 South, Range 37 East, lying southeasterly of and adjacent to Lots 4 and 5 of Carribbee Beach on Upper Matecumbe Key, containing 0.57 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune of Key West, Florida, on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9,

1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

7. MARTIN COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$700.00, which is the appraised price, from Kenneth Van der Hulse, on behalf of Tuscay Properties, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the St. Lucie River in Section 3, Township 38 South, Range 41 East, containing 3.51 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Stuart News on November 10, 17, 24, December 1 and 8, 1955. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

8. VOLUSIA COUNTY—On November 1, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 by J. U. Gillespie on behalf of Thomas Mercadante for the parcel of submerged land in Indian River North in Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to Government Lot 7 of Section 2, Township 18 South, Range 34 East, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand News on November 11, 18, 25, December 2 and 9, 1955, with sale to be held on this date.

Description of the eight (8) parcels was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sales; that the offers received are equal to the appraised value of parcels described, or equal to recent appraisals of nearby land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted and confirm sale in favor of applicants as adjacent upland owners.

Rhett Harrell offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for Tract 9, Block 86 and Tract 23, Block 88, Palm Beach Farms, lying and being in Sections 6, 7, and 17, Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Broward County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$250.00 an acre.

Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Edward W. and Helen M. Bixby, makes application for the purchase of 1.25 acres of submerged land, adjacent to their upland property in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County.

Mr. Wells recommends that the land be advertised for objections only, provided applicants offer \$250.00 an acre, which is the appraised price of other lands in that area.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only if applicants will offer \$250.00 an acre as recommended by the Land Agent.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$125.00 an acre from J. Frank Roberts for the purchase of

a mangrove island adjacent to Big Coppitt Key, Section 22, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, Monroe County, for the reason that information has been received that applicant is not the adjacent owner.

Herbert Panken, on behalf of Hudson & Paper Corporation of Palatka, Florida, makes application for a spoil easement on two areas in the St. Johns River in Section 24, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, and Section 19, Township 9 South, Range 27 East, Putnam County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize temporary easement in favor of Hudson & Paper Corporation covering the two spoil areas in the St. Johns River.

The Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County have adopted a resolution asking that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund provide a restrictive covenant in all deeds of conveyance to bay bottom and submerged lands lying within Sarasota County, Florida, and that such lands shall remain in their natural state and shall not be pumped in or filled without the written approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County.

Upon discussion of the subject it was agreed to defer action on the request and ask the County Commissioners of Sarasota County to have a representative come up at some future time and discuss the matter with the Trustees and also to ascertain why the present system followed by the Trustees is not working satisfactorily in that county.

Gus Efthimiou, Jr., makes application for a five-year extension of Lease No. 143-A, originally issued to the Quarterdeck Club and assigned to Pirates Cove, Inc., from December 12, 1957, and expiring December 12, 1962. Terms and conditions to be the same as in original lease. The lease covers 2 acres of submerged land in Section 17, Township 55 South, Range 42 East, Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 143-A for five years as requested.

John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of client, G. R. Rinke, requests that the Trustees' engineer reconsider cut-back of the area applied for in Section 35, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, Sarasota County, from 3.16 acres to 1.58 acres. Mr. Burket stated that his client does not contemplate filling the property in the foreseeable future but desires it to provide protection to his other property.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the area applied for, the reason being that they do not feel that applicant should pay for something he cannot make use of; that the Trustee will protect the interest of the upland owners and see that no material will be taken from that side of the chan-

nel affecting upland property with which the submerged bottoms equitably run.

The Florida Board of Forestry requests concurrence of the Trustees in issuance of quitclaim deed to Canal Timber Corporation for conveying 5 acres of land in the SW corner of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, Township 3 South, Range 7 East, Taylor County. It was explained that this parcel was conveyed September 4, 1934 to the Forestry Department by Canal Timber Corporation, without cost, for use as a tower site, but was not then and has not since been used for said purpose; that the land was reconveyed to the corporation on August 26, 1954, but there being question as to whether certain requirements of the law were complied with, quitclaim deed is requested.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to concur in request.

Mr. Wells presented request from Thomas H. Horobin that the Trustees refund the amount of \$15,000.00 representing payment for state land in 1925. He states that he never received deed to the land and his money was never refunded.

In discussing the request, the Trustees expressed the opinion that Mr. Horobin would have to furnish further evidence that the amount he claims to have paid was not applied to other purchases of land. No action was taken.

Mr. Bernie Papy and Mr. Phil Sadowski request that the Trustees sell to Mr. Sadowski an area comprising approximately 100 acres of submerged land in Sections 3 and 4, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County, adjacent to an area purchased from the state some months ago at a price of \$50.00 an acre for land on Bonefish Bight and \$100.00 an acre for an area on the Florida Straits, located on Fat Deer Key. They also desire an easement for a bridge from Fat Deer Key to the highway.

It was explained that the application was received last week and upon checking by the engineer, it was suggested that the area be cut back from approximately 300 acres to about 100, which is satisfactory with Mr. Sadowski.

The Trustees advised Mr. Sadowski that it will be necessary to have an appraisal of the land applied for and if he feels the price is too high he can come back to the Trustees and submit facts as to the cost of improvements to be made and any other facts he might feel would be sufficient to justify the Trustees in making adjustment of the appraised price.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Land Agent secure an appraisal of the land desired by Mr. Sadowski.

Attorney General Ervin reported that pursuant to action of the Trustees last week he contacted the Interior Department in Washington and advised them that it would not be convenient for representatives of the Trustees to attend the conference in Washington December 12, and suggested that the conference be held in Talla-

hassee at some later date; that he has been advised that it would be preferable to have the meeting in Washington as all maps, plats and other records as to ownership of the keys in Monroe County are up there; also that it might be desirable to discuss the boundaries of The California Oil Company lease and that Mr. Wirth, National Park Service, might like to confer with the Florida delegation on the Everglades National Park boundaries.

A tentative date for the conference was suggested for the week of January 16.

The Trustees requested Attorney General Ervin and Mr. Elliot to fix a date suitable for them to be in Washington to represent the Trustees on the subjects mentioned.

Pursuant to request from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund last week, Mr. A. D. Aldrich, Director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, was present with reference to request from said department that the Trustees make available and set aside an area in Lake Okeechobee, between the 17 and 10 foot contours, to be under wildlife management for public recreation.

Letter was presented from Mr. Tom Conely, on behalf of Okeechobee County, protesting taking over of that area by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Department.

Governor Collins suggested that Mr. Aldrich get in touch with the County Commissioners of Okeechobee County and try and work out some amicable adjustment of the views of both parties. If this cannot be accomplished and the Director of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission feels his views are in the best interest of the public, the Trustees will be glad to invite all parties to come up and be heard on the subject. Without objection the suggestion of the Governor was adopted.

Financial statements for the month of November, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of November 1, 1955.....	\$721,004.37
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$19,719.34
Quitclaim Deeds	287.00
Sand & Shell Leases	9,859.53
Oil Leases	69,428.27
Advertising Refund	161.83
Timber Leases	254.32
Miscellaneous Leases	425.00
General Lease	200.00
Mineral Leases	8,840.10
Revenue Bonds	4,438.50
Fill Material	297.70
Campsite Lease	30.00
Farm Lease	440.00

J. M. Adams (Demolition of Whitfield house)	350.00	
Bird Sanctuary	1.00	
Total Receipts for the Month of November		114,732.59
GRAND TOTAL		835,736.96
Less Disbursements for November, 1955.....		283,814.76
BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 1955		\$551,922.20

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-1-55	114307	Leonard Santine	\$ 1,005.00
	114308	Capital City National Bank	82,716.33
11-2-55	116534	City of Pahokee	68,535.00
	116535	Loan to Oklawaha Basin	50,000.00
11-4-55	119307	Harry M. McWhorter	50.00
	119308	C. B. Arbogast	25.00
	119309	Stuart Daily News	16.10
	119310	Ledger Publishing Co.	14.95
	119311	The Key West Citizen	53.13
11-8-55	122296	Midyette-Moore Insurance Co.	56.68
11-9-55	122430	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Bd. Conservation.....	7,300.00
11-10-55	126690	Southeastern Telephone Co.	108.70
	126691	E. D. Keefer	100.00
	126692	Western Union Telegraph Co.....	3.97
	126693	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
	126694	Ft. Pierce Newspapers, Inc.	12.07
	126695	The Miami Herald	49.88
	126696	Citrus County Chronicle	12.27
11-15-55	129781	Sinclair Wells	75.00
11-17-55	133030	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	15.16
	133029	Fred M. Burns	73.65
11-18-55	134000	Shawano Drainage District	1,050.00
	134001	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector.....	20,880.23
	134002	W. H. Weeks, Jr., Tax Collector.....	28.98
	134003	Earnest Overstreet, Tax Collector.....	100.76
	134004	W. E. Pound, Tax Collector.....	.46
	134005	A. O. Ward, Tax Collector.....	1.84
	134006	Cecile Y. Pape, Tax Collector.....	349.24
	134007	Troy E. Moody, Tax Collector.....	557.46
	134008	J. Colin DeShong, Tax Collector.....	4.71
	134009	Stetson O. Sproul, Tax Collector.....	3,952.22
11-21-55	134114	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State School Fund.....	33,746.81
	134115	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
		Tr. to State Bd. Conservation.....	5,308.08
11-22-55	135627	Indian River Farms Drainage	
		District	2,303.05
11-23-55	136336	Bessie Alderman, Tax Collector.....	3.35
11-30-55	136745	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	136746	H. G. Morton	485.90
	136747	A. R. Williams	449.33

136748	A. C. Bridges	372.53
136749	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
136750	M. O. Barco	387.93
136751	J. L. Dedge	341.15
136752	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
136753	S. Wells	361.21
136754	C. M. Greene	49.35
136755	R. N. Landers	27.41
136756	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.....	23.15
136757	Wilson Life Insurance Co.....	22.38
136758	State Retirement	279.89
136759	Federal Tax	628.90
144863	George G. Crawford, CCC.....	40.40
144864	Shell Oil Company	4.92
144865	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc...	1.17
144866	International Business Machine Corp.	30.00
144867	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.	4.00
144868	Capital Paper Company	13.00
144869	Dowling-Douglas Dupl. Mach. Co.	7.45
144870	C. B. Arbogast	25.00
144871	Key West Board of Realtors.....	100.00
144872	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.....	100.00
144873	Carl G. Harding	100.00
144874	The Florida Times Union	48.75
144875	The Bradenton Herald	16.87
144876	The Key West Citizen	70.53
144877	The Coral Tribune	16.10
144878	Citrus County Chronicle	11.50

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1955...\$283,814.76

U.S.G.S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of November 1, 1955.....	\$475.00
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Balance as of November 30, 1955.....	\$475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

November 1, 1955	\$ 3,903.50
November 15, 1955	26,539.05
November 30, 1955	2,470.45

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH \$32,913.00

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
11-15-55	133677	Ray E. Green	\$ 22.38
11-30-55	135008	E. Hewitt	373.86
11-30-55	135009	M. C. Pichard	283.37
11-30-55	135010	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75

11-30-55	135011	State Retirement	26.97
11-30-55	135012	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH			\$793.63

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 626 listing 32 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also Hillsborough County Deed No. 1513-Cor. in favor of Myrtle E. Sanger, for the pupose of including certain certificate numbers omitted from original deed issued December 4, 1941.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 626 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

City of Tarpon Springs, Florida, requests removal of the public airport clause from Pinellas County Deed No. 02-Chapter 21684, conveying 44 lots in Blocks A, B and C, Florida Avenue Terrace Subdivision, Section 10, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, for which deed the city paid \$88.00. The base bid at regular sale would have been \$270.00. It was explained that the city desires to use the land for other municipal purposes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to remove the restriction, "conveyance to be for public airport purposes only" and in lieu thereof insert "conveyance to be for public municipal purposes only."

Request was submitted that the Trustees refund to Rose Rome and Fred and Jeannette Ehrenkranz the sum of \$10.00 as reimbursement on Lot 39, Block "G", and Lot 14, Block "H", Palm Grove Addition to Orange City. The lots were conveyed by Volusia County Deed No. 3877, November 15, 1955, and it has now developed that these two lots do not exist.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$10.00 to Rose Rome and Mr. and Mrs. Ehrenkranz as reimbursement for the two lots which do not exist.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in Volusia County certificate, approved by the Attorney General as vesting no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LE ROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallasahassee, Florida

December 20, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented the minutes of the Trustees dated December 6 and 13, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

Humble Oil & Refining Company makes application for an oil, gas and mineral lease in 132,793.00 acres of water bottoms in the St. Andrews Bay System, St. Joseph Bay and St. Vincent Sound, lying within Bay and Gulf Counties, and offering five cents per acre per annum rental, increasing five per cent of such original amount after the first two years.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lease for competitive bids, based on the offer made by Humble, the bidding to be on the cash consideration and the lease to be for a primary term of ten (10) years.

L. G. Erhardt makes application for permit to search and explore for sunken treasure off the coast of Palm Beach County, for which he offers \$100.00.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit for one year in favor of Mr. Erhardt upon payment of \$100.00.

Bula E. Croker makes application for one-year renewal of Treasure Lease No. 778-778-A and 778-B issued in the names of Bula E. Croker and H. H. Ridenour, for which she offers \$100.00. The area covered by the lease lies in Bay, Walton, Okaloosa, Santa Rose and Escambia Counties.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize one-year extension of lease as requested by Mrs. Croker upon payment of \$100.00.

Robert Johnson offers \$25.00 for two lots in Bass Subdivision, Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. The lots are 24.5 feet by 85.00 feet each.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting at \$25.00 for the two lots.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Monroe County, makes application for a 100-foot right of way across an unnamed inlet from Kemp Channel in Section 20, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant the right of way requested by Monroe County, without cost.

James W. Moore, on behalf of clients, makes the following applications for purchase of bay bottom lands adjacent to their upland ownership on Ragged Keys in Sections 29, 31 and 32, Township 56 South, Range 42 East:

On behalf of Edward C. Christiansen, approximately 35 acres adjacent to Ragged Key No. 3;

On behalf of George Stamos, approximately 70 acres adjacent to Ragged Keys Nos. 2 and 4;

On behalf of Stanley C. Myers, approximately 30 acres adjacent to Ragged Key No. 1; and

On behalf of W. O'Neil and Wilbur C. Knox, approximately 30 acres adjacent to Ragged Key No. 5-S.

Applicants offer the appraised price of \$180.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells advised that the lands are on the Atlantic Ocean side of the Keys.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the above designated parcels for sale, subject to objections only, based on the offers submitted.

The Trustees requested that full publicity be given to proposed sale and that the applicants be notified that by such advertisement the Trustees are not committed to consummate the sale should they decide it is not in the best interest of the state to do so.

Mr. Wells reported that on May 7, 1951 Deed No. 19514-A was issued by the Trustees of the International Improvement Fund to St. Lucie Inlet District and Port Authority and covered 13 acres of land in Martin County. The land was not advertised according to the statutes, and R. J. Randolph, on behalf of the Inlet District and Port Authority, requests that the Trustees advertise the parcel for objections only in order to clear the title.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the land covered by Deed No. 19514-A as requested by Mr. Randolph.

Coastal Petroleum Company by letter dated December 10, 1955, requests that the Trustees apply the surplus footage drilled by Coastal in Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340—Well No. 2, being 11,597 feet, in full satisfaction of the drilling requirements of State Lease 340-340-A for the two and one-half (2½) year period commencing April 14, 1956, and that a proper resolution be adopted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, by Resolution adopted November 24, 1953, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund acknowledge and declared that the drilling requirements under Lease 340-340-A had been fully satisfied for a period of 2½ years from October 14, 1953 to April 14, 1956, by the drilling of the No. 1 Wisheart and State Board of Education Well situate in Section 16, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company, since the adoption of said Resolution, has participated in the drilling of two wells on the said Lease 340-340-A, each of which was drilled to a depth in excess of 11,500 feet as required by paragraph 3 of State Lease 340-A, and

WHEREAS, Coastal Petroleum Company, by letter dated December 10, 1955, has requested that one of the aforesaid two wells, namely, Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340, Well No. 2, be applied in full satisfaction of the drilling requirements under said Lease 340-340A for a period of 2½ years commencing April 14, 1956, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees have found and determined that said request of Coastal Petroleum Company is in full compliance with the terms of said lease.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that the footage drilled in said Gulf Oil Corporation et al State of Florida Lease 340, Well No. 2; located 1,980 feet south and 1,958 feet east of the northwest corner of Section 19, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County, in the amount of 11,597 feet, be and the same hereby is accepted and acknowledged as full satisfaction of the Lessee's drilling obligations under State Lease 340-340A for a period of 2½ years commencing April 14, 1956; and said lease is hereby declared to be valid, subsisting and in good standing for said period of 2½ years, conditioned upon the Lessee's continuing to pay the annual rental as in said lease provided.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that Inter-American Center Authority bonds have been validated by the Supreme Court and it

is anticipated that they will be offered for sale in January, 1956. The Authority has agreed to repay the loan of \$150,000.00 to the Trustees from the sale of bonds.

Mr. Elliot was requested to report to the Trustees when sale of the bonds has been made.

On November 23, 1954, the Trustees withdrew from sale all lands of the Trustees in Okeechobee County pending outcome of oil explorations in that area. The wells drilled resulted in dry holes and it is now recommended that the land be released from the freeze order.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action of November 23, 1954, as to state owned land in Okeechobee County and release said lands from the freeze order of that date.

Florida Power and Light Company requests permission to construct an electric power line across a portion of Section 20, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, in order to provide electric service requested by the Department of Agriculture for Belle Glade State Prison Farm.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Florida Power & Light Company for constructing a power line across State land to furnish electric service to the Inspection Building at the Belle Glade Prison Farm.

Mr. J. V. Keen, on behalf of Perdido Land Company, requests that the Trustees adopt a resolution acknowledging that Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 will be considered as having been complied with provided certain things are done on or before February 1, 1956. It was explained that the request, in effect, is an extension of one month on the terms of the said lease.

Upon discussion, the proposed resolution was approved subject to the Attorney General clarifying the term "immediate drilling of a well." The Attorney General approved a change in the wording of the term referred to, fixing a definite date for "immediate drilling."

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Perdido Land Company is required under Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Lessor, and Perdido Land Company, Lessee, to commence and complete operations for the drilling of a well by January 1, 1956, and after commencing such operations shall prosecute same in good faith and with reasonable diligence and in a workmanlike manner to discover and to develop such land for the production of oil

and gas until such well is completed or abandoned, and such well shall be drilled to a depth of Six Thousand (6,000) feet before abandonment unless oil or gas has been found in paying quantities at a lesser depth, and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are advised that the Lessee desires to drill the well north of the Lillian Bridge and that the Lillian Bridge is a stationary bridge, and it is not possible to bring a drilling rig up Perdido Bay and north of the Lillian Bridge, and the Lessee has requested permission to carry on what is known as directional drilling as to the proposed well, which is to be located north of the Lillian Bridge.

Wherever "Perdido Land Company" or "Lessee" is used herein, it shall mean Perdido Land Company and its partial assignees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

1. That Perdido Land Company shall not be in default under said Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 and will be considered by the Trustees as having complied with the terms of said Lease

a. if on or before January 1, 1956 Perdido Land Company, Lessee, under the above-referred to Lease, shall enter into a bona fide contract requiring the immediate drilling of a well on property described in the Lease to a depth of Six Thousand (6,000) feet before abandonment unless oil or gas has been found in paying quantities at a lesser depth; "immediate drilling of a well" shall mean that the drilling of the well shall actually begin on or before February 1, 1956, and

b. if after commencing the drilling of such well, the same shall continue in good faith and with reasonable diligence and in a workmanlike manner to discover and to develop such land for the production of oil and gas until such well shall be drilled to a depth of Six Thousand (6,000) feet before abandonment unless oil or gas has been found in paying quantities at a lesser depth.

2. That the Trustees agree that if the drilling of the well is commenced on land adjoining the land described in said Lease and is continued under what is known as directional drilling so that the final part of the well drilled is on land described in the said Lease, the requirements of the location of the well under said Lease No. 775 will have been fully met.

Governor Collins presented letter directed to him by R. Malcolm Fortson, managing director of the Ship Canal Authority of the State of Florida, with reference to the controversy that has arisen about an island in the St. Johns River, Duval County, commonly known as GOAT ISLAND, but now platted as Terminal Island. The letter explains that the Ship Canal Authority has indicated its willingness to bring the controversy to an end, and in the interest

of the general public they request that the Trustees inform the Board of Directors of the Ship Canal Authority what action by said Authority would best promote the welfare of the State.

Governor Collins suggests that in view of the offer the Trustees request the Ship Canal Authority to quitclaim to the Trustees any right, title or interest it might have heretofore acquired under the Legislative Act of 1933, Chapter 16176. After that is done the Trustees can deal with the County Commissioners of Duval County.

Mr. Elliot stated that the only record of the claim by the Canal Authority is the filing of a declaration of taking and a plat with the Secretary of State of Florida, and that it might be advisable to have the declaration of taking and the plat withdrawn, and that the Secretary of State enter a record of such withdrawal. Also that quitclaim deed be executed by the Ship Canal Authority in favor of the Trustees as suggested by the Governor. Mr. Elliot stated that he could see no reason why there could not be cooperation between the Canal Authority and the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County for canal and ship terminal purposes; that the Goat Island location is ideal for freight movement by boat, barge and ship and articulated use by both would facilitate ship to barge transfer, barge to ship transfer, and by both to rail or truck transfer from the same location.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Ship Canal Authority be requested to issue quitclaim deed to the Trustees conveying any right, title or interest it might claim to the land on Goat Island (Terminal Island), and also withdraw the filing of the declaration of taking and the plat with the Secretary of State.

The Trustees expressed appreciation to the Ship Canal Authority for offering to cooperate in this matter.

Letter was presented from Harley G. Morton, Fiber Technologist, submitting "A Resume of Recent Progress in the Harvesting and Processing of Florida Ramie," copy of which was furnished each member of the board.

Mr. Elliot reported that, in connection with the ramie investigations, he has received a letter from Director J. R. Beckenbach, Agricultural Experiment Stations of the University of Florida, in which it is recommended that the Trustees purchase a machine for carding the ramie fiber. The machine agreed upon as meeting the requirements is a "20 Proctor Sample Card," priced at approximately \$6,000.00.

Mr. Elliot stated that in order to complete what the Trustees have started in the ramie field, it would seem desirable to go a little farther and purchase this piece of equipment.

State Treasurer Larson reported that he visited the Experiment Station at Belle Glade and that it was very interesting to see the various uses for ramie and the progress being made in this field. He thinks it will be a good thing to purchase the machine recommended.

Commissioner Mayo agreed that the Trustees should purchase the machine recommended.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of the "20 Proctor Sample Card" machine for use at the Everglades Experiment Station, Belle Glade, Florida, at an approximate cost of \$6,000.00

Mr. Elliot presented request of Chester Whittle, Orlando, Florida, for acquisition of marginal permanently reclaimed lake bottom land located between the fixed new ordinary high water mark at 86.4 feet and permanently lowered lake, and the original ordinary high water mark of Lake Conway.

Michaels and Michaels, registered engineers of Orlando, were engaged to make examination of the area and report. The report has been received and studied. Mr. Elliot explained that Mr. Whittle started filling outward from his upland and has carried the fill out beyond the 86.4 contour; that the Trustees about three years ago fixed the 86.4 contour as the new high water mark for Lake Conway, based on survey by the United States Geological Survey, and fixed as the elevation beyond which no conveyances would be made.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees not convey outward from the 86.4 contour as he does not believe there is authority to do so, and if done would only cause trouble.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he talked with Mr. Whittle who stated that he has put considerable money in this project; that his development is now stopped and his mortgage loan is in jeopardy; that when he started this fill he thought he was operating within the lines of the high water mark of the lake. He now asks that the Trustees sell him this small area of approximately 2 acres. The Attorney General explained to Mr. Whittle that Mr. Moriarty, one of his assistants, agrees with the recommendation of Mr. Elliot and he feels almost compelled to do likewise.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees deny, without prejudice, the request from Mr. Whittle.

Mr. Sam A. Davis, Mayor, on behalf of the Town of Dunedin, Florida, presented request that the Trustees release the restriction in Trustees' Deed No. 19077, dated July 30, 1945, conveying Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County, comprising 84 acres, more or less, of land on the bay side of Caladesi Island, which the city desires to exchange for privately owned land on the Gulf of Mexico; also that the Trustees deed to the city a strip for right of way two thousand (2000) feet wide across St. Joseph's Sound for construction of a causeway across the sound to a point on Caladesi Island. Mr. Davis filed with the Trustees certified copy of Resolution No. 643, adopted by the city of Dunedin December 19, 1955, setting forth plans for the proposed

beach and park project, and the contemplated causeway from the mainland to Caladesi Island on which the beach will be located. It was also stated that the Town of Dunedin paid the Trustees \$1000.00 for the 84 acres in Deed No. 19077.

In discussing the proposal, it was suggested that in the event the Trustees release the restriction in Deed No. 19077, the city will agree to dedicate as public beach the land to be received by the city in exchange for that conveyed in said Deed No. 19077, which was agreed to by Mr. Davis.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that request from the City of Dunedin for release of the restriction in Deed No. 19077 be approved by the Trustees and that Mr. Wells be authorized to work out the details.

As to request for causeway right of way across St. Joseph's Sound, a map was displayed showing the proposed yacht basin and discussion was had as to the width of right of way, the protection of the rights of adjoining upland owners, the rights of navigation and the plan for financing construction of the causeway.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be instructed to work out with Mr. Davis the necessary details for acquiring right of way for the causeway, taking into consideration the rights of adjacent upland owners, navigation requirements and proper protection of scenic beauty of that locality.

Attorney General Ervin reported that Mr. Howard Rives of Clearwater, Florida, has filed suit on behalf of his clients, Z. S. Cowan and Marcus Cowan against Clearwater Island Bridge Company, and has named the Trustees parties in the suit for the purpose of protecting any interest the state might have in the navigable waters. He asks that the Attorney General accept service on behalf of the Trustees.

Without objection the Attorney General was authorized to accept service in the case filed by Mr. Rives and to represent the Trustees in the suit.

Attorney General Ervin advised the Trustees that January 18, 1956, has been set for conference in Washington with the U. S. Bureau of Land Management on the subject of title to various keys in Monroe County; also discussion of Everglades National Park boundaries, and the boundaries of area leased to the California Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00

A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	230.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
Frank H. Marks, CCC Broward County—1951 taxes on Lot 23, Blk. 88, Palm Beach Farms	8.49
H. G. Morton—Expenses 8/25/55 to 11/7/55.....	779.53
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla....	90.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	6.78
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee	65.00
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee	9.23
Leon Blueprinting Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.48
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.	11.39
The Highlands County News, Sebring, Fla. Advertising land sale	14.95
The Key West Citizen—Advertising land sale ...	15.33
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Appraisal...	41.00
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	35.00
J. Edwin Larson—To State School Fund.....	23,287.12
J. Edwin Larson—To State Board Conservation	8,423.23
City of Pahokee, Fla.—Work on Breakwater	25,326.90
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	8.20
Midyette-Moor Insurance Agency, Tallahassee	31.86
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	6.85
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	2.14
The Key West Citizen, Key West—Advertising	13.03
Ronnie Green, Crystal River, Fla.—Appraisal ...	65.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisals ...	110.00
Anderson & Carr, West Palm Beach—Appraisals	140.00
Sinclair Wells—Expenses	151.97
TOTAL	\$63,539.97

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 627 listing eleven (11) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296; Hernando County Deed No. 20-Corrective, in favor of the widow and heirs of U. R. Barnett; Polk County Deed No. 928-Dupl. to Theodosia Wright, and eleven (11) quitclaim deeds releasing all or a part of the road right of way as approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that Report No. 627 be approved as presented.

W. E. Whitlock of Perry, Florida, requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken December 6, 1955, on Alachua County sale December 14, 1955, at which he was the high bidder on an acreage basis for 43 acres of land in Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 17 East.

Mr. Elliot explained that the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Alachua County, acting as Agent for the Trustees, was notified to sell the land on the basis of lots for the reason that under the last certificate, and prior to issuance of the most recent certificate, a plat was filed showing the land subdivided into lots and thereafter described as lots. The land advertised for sale comprises 201 lots in Hamilton Estates, Unit No. 1, in the section, township and range above given.

Mr. Whitlock stated that this land was purchased by his father in 1935 but two old certificates (1929 and 1931) were overlooked and not redeemed; that it was an abandoned subdivision and was combined with his cow pasture and taxes have been paid on the land since 1935.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that the case seemed to be one that could have come under the "Hardship Act" of 1953, and there seems to be merit in Mr. Whitlock's request for reconsideration of former action.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees rescind action taken on this case December 6, 1955, and accept offer from Mr. Whitlock to pay \$2.50 per lot for the lots advertised for sale December 14, 1955, for which he bid on an acreage basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and expenses be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	91.67
Rose Rome, Fred Ehrenkranz and Jeanette Ehrenkranz, DeLand, Fla.—Refund Part	
Volusia Deed No. 3877	10.00
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TOTAL	\$ 551.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

December 27, 1955

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised for consideration on this date.

DADE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre, the appraised price, from N. Lichtenberg for purchase of Lot 1, Section 9, Township 58 South, Range 41 East, containing 15.52 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$951.00 an acre being made by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$951.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

LAKE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 an acre from S. I. Francis for purchase of the SE¼ of SW¼ of Section 7, Township 21 South, Range 24 East, comprising 39.77 acres. The land was advertised for competitive bids in the Tavares Citizen on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$51.00 an acre being offered by R. D. Merritt.

Discussion was had as to whether this parcel of land should be sold at this time as no recent appraisal has been made to determine the present value. It was agreed, however, that sale be made as parties from out of town have come to Tallahassee to bid on the land.

Treasurer Larson suggested that hereafter, before lands are advertised, some sort of appraisal or valuation be obtained so the Trustees will have some idea of present values; that if an appraiser is not available in the particular area, information be secured from a real estate agent or one of the county officers familiar with land values. It was so ordered.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$51.00 an acre from Mr. Merritt and confirm sale in his favor.

LEE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 an acre, the appraised price of the land, from Carl A. Norberg for purchase of Government Lot 7, Section 22, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, comprising 45.47 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Fort Myers News Press on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$270.00 an acre being offered by H. M. Hodge of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$270.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hodge.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$650.00 an acre from Bradley M. Waldron for purchase of a spoil island in the NW¼ of Section 29, Township 64 South, Range 36 East, containing 2.6 acres, more or less, locally known as Ellison Island. The land was advertised for competitive bids and objections, with a starting bid of \$650.00 an acre, which is the appraised price on the land, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land, with information that no objections have been filed to the sale, and stated that he has received an offer of \$673.00 an acre from J. R. Dargan, Jr., at which price the bidding will commence.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$1630.00 an acre from Bradley M. Waldron.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$1630.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Dr. Waldron.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre, the appraised price, from J. Frank Roberts for purchase of 32 acres, more or less, of submerged land located 4 miles north of Key West, near Latitude 24° 37' and Longitude 81° 49', in Township 67 South, Range 25 East. The land was advertised for competitive bids and objections in the Key West Citizen on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$51.00 an acre being offered by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$51.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre, the appraised price, from C. Ronald Sawyer for purchase of an un-named mangrove island in Largo Sound, being in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 61 South, Range 39 East, said island being 1150 feet, more or less, North of the South line of said Section 13, and 300 feet, more or less, East of the West line of said Section 13, containing 7 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and objections, based on the offer submitted, and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Radabob Corporation, claiming ownership of the upland adjoining the submerged land advertised.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land advertised as it does not appear that there is sufficient depth of water between the upland of Radabob Corporation's upland and the submerged area advertised to make it available for sale to other than the adjoining upland owner.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, the appraised price, from John F. Burket, Jr., on behalf of Edward S. Funsten, for purchase of 1.15 acres of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 15, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County have filed objections to any sales in that area unless the applicant will agree to make no fills on the land.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees postpone action on this sale pending hearing on objections from the County Commissioners.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre, the appraised price, from A. J. Lerett, on behalf of American Moving & Storage, Inc., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 34, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to Lots 29 and 30, Sunkrest Subdivision, containing 0.55 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees advertised the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Coral Tribune on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of applicant at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$133.90 from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Dr. Irene Brooks Lindstrom, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Section 24, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, lying south of and adjacent to Lot 21, Coral Shores, containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Coral Tribune on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Dr. Lindstrom at the price offered—\$139.90.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered application from George W. Marks, representing the Board of Public Instruction of Volusia County, for acquisition of submerged and semi-submerged land described as commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 5, Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, and thence by metes and bounds description, containing 50 acres, more or less, to be used as a public school site. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on November 25, December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that objections have been filed to the sale by J. U. Gillespie, on behalf of Mrs. Hannah Detwiler Bonnet. Mrs. Bonnet is present and would like to be heard.

Mrs. Bonnet claimed ownership of the property applied for by the Board of Public Instruction and also stated that she owned the adjoining upland; that she did not think the location was suitable for school purposes. Mrs. Bonnet filed with the Land Office written objections to the sale, accompanied by maps showing the area.

Mr. Wells recommends that the Trustees deny the application of the Board of Public Instruction but not admit ownership by Mrs. Bonnet.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees deny the application of Volusia County Board of Public Instruction without prejudice.

Mr. Ralph Potts submitted report of operations of the Central Investment Advisory Service, created in the office of the State Board of Administration August 2, 1955, at the request of the State Cabinet for the benefit of the several boards having the power to invest funds of the State. A summary was attached to the report giving the transactions of the said funds for the five months period.

The par value of investments of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund as of December 31, 1955, is \$3,167,000.00.

The report was ordered filed.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the following correction deeds which have been approved by the Attorney General's office:

Dade County Deed No. 3916-EDDJ-Cor. to Guilford Construction Co., for the purpose of correcting the name of the state in which the grantee is incorporated;

Dade County Deed No. 2406-Cor. to Norman Lichtenberg and Harold Lichtenberg, to add the words "both inclusive" in the description of the lots conveyed.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LeROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 4, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells presented application from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Joe Allen, offering the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre for 2.25 acres for a mangrove island known as Gopher Key, located in Section 4, Township 67 South, Range 28 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for competitive bids and objections, starting with the offer submitted.

William R. Neblett, on behalf of the Thompson Estate, makes application to purchase an additional 30.21 acres of submerged land adjacent to their recent purchase in Cow Key Channel, Townships 67 and 68, Range 25 East, Monroe County.

Map was presented showing the area recently purchased and the additional parcel now applied for.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the additional tract to the Thompson Estate, the Trustees being of the opinion that applicant has purchased all the submerged land which he is entitled to acquire as adjacent upland owner.

Archie Lamb of Okeechobee, Florida, offers \$25.00 per lot for Lots 3 and 4, Block "A", Wright's Second Addition, City of Okeechobee, in Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County. The lots are approximately 50 feet by 105 feet.

Without objection action on this application was postponed pending Mr. Wells securing information as to the current value of these lots. It was suggested that he contact the Tax Assessor or some private citizen who would give an impartial opinion as to the value.

Mr. Wells stated that attorneys for Mr. Thomas H. Horobin had requested that they be allowed to be heard today with reference to Burlingame Island, but they have not appeared.

January 4, 1956

No action taken.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests right of way easements across two parcels of state owned land in Palm Beach County, being the West 130 feet of Sections 19 and 31, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, for use in connection with construction of a secondary channel connecting with Hillsboro Canal.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of easements across the land requested by the Flood Control District.

Mr. Elliot presented the matter of insuring the building owned by the Trustees, purchased from Rose Printing Company and now occupied by said company. There is a question as to whether the lessee has an insurable interest in the property.

Without objection, this matter was referred to the Attorney General for an opinion as to the policy to be followed in insuring the building purchased from the Rose Printing Company.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Secretary and Engineer be authorized to insure with the State Fire Insurance Fund the pumping facilities with all housing at Co-Op Projects Nos. 1 and 2, Palm Beach County, which facilities are now being used by the Belle Glade State Prison Farm.

Mr. Elliot presented for consideration the following subjects to be discussed at the conference to be held in Washington, January 18 with representatives of the Department of the Interior, and the Congressional delegation from Florida:

- Permanent boundaries of Everglades National Park;
- Oil and mineral rights in lands conveyed by the state to the United States for park purposes;
- Title to Florida Keys in Monroe County; and
- Boundaries of oil and gas lease recently granted to The California Company.

Maps were displayed and Mr. Elliot pointed out the boundaries of the proposed northwestern corridor into the park as requested by the Federal Government; he also indicated outline of a corridor which he would recommend be conveyed conditioned upon agreement by the Federal Government for conveyance to the state of other areas now included within the boundaries of the park, among which would be a portion of the Patton Tract and certain lands on the eastern side of the park which are considered valuable for agricultural purposes, and elimination of privately owned land.

Mr. Elliot suggested that now is a good time to get a single congressional act through to take care of all phases of the park, including permanent boundaries, describing the area to be included in the

western corridor, the oil and mineral rights to be retained by the state and provision for conveying land in exchange for the corridor area to be provided by the state.

After receiving Mr. Elliot's report and further examination of the maps included in his report, the Trustees reached this decision: That the Attorney General and Mr. Elliot would participate in a conference in Washington, D. C., with members of our Florida Congressional delegation and representatives of the Interior Department to explore the possibility of reaching some final conclusions as to the permanent boundaries of the Park. The Attorney General and Mr. Elliot were requested in these negotiations to be guided by the following general conclusions of the Trustees:

1. That the permanent boundaries should include a western corridor with land area adequate to meet the reasonable needs of providing such a corridor but embracing only the minimum area required for this purpose.
2. That such permanent boundaries should exclude the lands described as Tract No. 4, or the so-called "hole in the donut."
3. That such permanent boundaries should exclude any other lands on the north and east sides which are suitable for agricultural development and are not essential for reasonable park purposes.
4. That the permanent boundaries also exclude all lands included in Tract No. 1 except such as may be required to be utilized in the western corridor.
5. That those lands of the Patton Tract which are not included in the western corridor and have been previously conveyed to the Federal Government, together with such lands which may have already been acquired by the Government and are not included within the permanent boundaries to be fixed, be conveyed to the state.

When tentative program for fixing the permanent boundaries is agreed upon, then such will be submitted to the Trustees, and later at a public meeting action approving or disapproving the same shall be taken.

Mr. Elliot called attention to filling operations in Lake Conway, Orange County, by Chester Whittle, owner of upland property on the lake, who has filled out beyond the 86.4 contour established by the Trustees in 1953, as the boundary beyond which no bottoms would be conveyed; that the Trustees employed Michaels and Michaels, engineers of Orlando, to make a survey of the lake and the 86.4 contour elevation was arrived at defining the limits of the permanently reclaimed land by reason of the permanent lowering of the lake; that Mr. Whittle has filled at one or two locations as far as 140 and 190 feet lakeward of the 86.4 contour and he is asking that the Trustees convey to him the areas he has filled; that he did not

make application to purchase lakeward of his upland property before he filled the areas referred to.

Attorney General Ervin stated that both Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty, Assistant Attorney General, recommend against conveying out beyond the 86.4 contour, while Mr. Wells and Mr. Williams, assistant to Mr. Elliot, recommend that the sale be made. From a legal standpoint he feels that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty are right, but there is a question whether there is equity that would justify the Trustees in making sale beyond the contour fixed by the Trustees based on the fact that the developer filled out beyond the 86.4 contour either by mistake or under misapprehension; that it seems the only solution would be to hold to the legal rule, or to hold a public hearing and determine what public opinion in that area would be should the Trustees decide to adjust the meander line in that particular case.

Messrs. John Cates and Howard Shaffer of Orlando were present and stated that they are members of the Lake Conway Improvement Association that has protested the filling by Mr. Whittle; that the committee contacted Mr. Whittle and tried to work out something with him, but failed; that suit was filed and in order to show trespass a partial survey was made; that the Trustees were called upon to take some action and Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty notified Mr. Whittle to cease operations but he would stop and then start up again and it was only when the Attorney General's office gave notice that they would ask for a temporary injunction that he stopped operations; that he was aware that he was filling out beyond the established contour as it was called to his attention at several points. Mr. Cates stated that there are two other owners around the lake that are just waiting to see what the Trustees decide in the Whittle case before commencing to fill beyond the 86.4 contour, and if the practice is continued Lake Conway will be a creek. Funds have been raised by property owners around the lake to oppose filling beyond the contour fixed, and there is considerable opposition to it.

Mr. Wells, who had recommended sale to Mr. Whittle of the areas he had filled, stated that he now withdraws his recommendation as he was not aware that Mr. Whittle had been notified to stop filling before he had gone beyond the 86.4 contour.

Governor Collins suggested that since Mr. Whittle did not have notice that this matter was to be heard today, a date should be fixed when all parties can be present, and that Messrs. Cates and Shaffer get information as to parties opposing the sale from the various ownerships around the lake.

The date for the hearing was set for January 17, 1956.

By action of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions today Mr. Charles Rosenberg of Rose Printing Company was authorized to open a doorway and construct a ramp on the east side of the building now occupied by the Printing Company, said opening and ramp to be immediately adjacent to the porte-cochere of the old

Whitfield residence. This was done in order to eliminate a traffic hazard to the public.

It was so ordered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 628 presented by Mr. Elliot, listing fifty-seven (57) regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Brevard County requests conveyance, without cost, of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, containing 80 acres. The county desires to acquire the land from which to take material for road repairs and maintenance.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and carried, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot to withdraw the land from sale and execute dedication for public purposes in favor of the State Road Department and the county so long as the land is used for public purposes of road repairs and maintenance, or in lieu thereof, that if the county desires the Trustees will convey the land, without advertisement and public sale, upon payment at the rate of \$5.00 an acre, with the public purpose clause inserted in the deed.

The State Road Department requests right of way easement across St. Johns County land described as the southerly 14 feet of Block 30, and the southerly 14 feet of Lot 15, Block 86, Vermont Heights, for use in connection with State Road No. 207—Sec. 7805-176—St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize execution of easement in favor of the State Road Department covering the right of way desired in St. Johns County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Pinellas and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates conveyed no title to the state in the land.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor-Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 10, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Sinclair Wells, Land Agent
Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

There were presented the minutes of the Trustees dated December 20 and 27, 1955, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On November 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 an acre from V. Guy Day for purchase of Lots 2 and 3, and E½ of NE¼; E½ of SE¼, of Section 18, containing 240 acres, more or less, and the SW¼ of Section 8, containing 160 acres, more or less, both in Township 13 South, Range 32 East. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$10.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on December 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1955, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that he received a bid of \$11.00 an acre from Louis Spivey of Daytona Beach, and a higher bid of \$12.50 has since been made by Mr. Zemel. The bidding will start at \$12.50 an acre.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$21.00 an acre being made by M. C. Kohn of St. Petersburg, Florida.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$21.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kohn.

MONROE COUNTY—On November 22, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre, the appraised price, from Everett V. Kinsman for purchase of a parcel of bay bottom land in Pine Channel east of and adjacent to Lot 17 of a plat of Barry Beach, a subdivision of Government Lot 5, and that part of Government Lot 6, Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, North of U. S. Highway No. 1 on Little Torch Key, containing one acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Coral Tribune on December 9, 16,

23, 30, 1955, and January 6, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kinsman, the adjacent upland owner.

MARTIN COUNTY—On November 15, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Harry F. Dyer, on behalf of the following clients, adjacent upland owners:

H. C. Wood, R. R. Tilton, Jensen Beach Development Co.,
A. J. Wiegand, E. H. Mashburn, Maude M. Jarvis, Anita R.
Tilton, Tilton Inc., and C. S. Fredericksen,

for purchase of 21.26 acres, more or less, of submerged land in the Indian River, lying and being in Sections 15 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 41 East. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Stuart News on December 8, 15, 22, 29, 1955, and January 5, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 an acre which is the appraised price for the land advertised, and confirm sale in favor of clients of Mr. Dyer, as adjacent upland owners.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees are now advertising for sale Tract 9, Block 86, in Sections 6 and 7, and Tract 23, Block 88, Section 17, all in Township 48 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach Farms No. 3, containing 10 acres in Broward County. The applicant to purchase offered \$250.00 an acre. Broward County now requests that the Trustees cancel the advertisement and convey the land to the county, without charge, for use as a borrow pit.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees cancel the advertisement and convey the land to Broward County for public purposes only without cost.

W. Cecil Watson, on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America, makes application for Section 17, containing 155.76 acres, and the N½ of NE¼ of Section 18, containing 80 acres, all in Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County. The land is desired by the Boy Scout Council for camping purposes.

The area applied for joins Everglades National Park and it was suggested that the National Park Service might make an area within the park boundaries available for camp purposes.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees deny the request for the reason that they do not feel they would be justified in making such disposition of the land.

Archie Lamb offers \$25.00 per lot for Lots 3 and 4, Block "A", Wrights End Addition, City of Okeechobee, Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee County.

Information received by the Land Office is that these lots are valued at from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per lot.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to have the lots advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$25.00 per lot.

James E. Bramuchi offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for the East 330 feet of Government Lot 4, Section 25, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, Palm Beach County, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees offer the land for sale at competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$200.00 an acre.

The following offers were presented for purchase of submerged land adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. John F. Young offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for 0.62 of an acre adjacent to his upland property in Section 49, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.
2. Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Sadie Marie Wiard, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 1.68 acres adjacent to her upland property in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees advertised for objections only the land applied for by Messrs. Young and Brown in Volusia and Sarasota Counties.

Dr. Bradley M. Waldron, who offered a cash price of \$1630.00 an acre for Ellison Island, comprising 2.6 acres in Monroe County, at the sale December 27, 1955, now requests that the Trustees allow him to purchase the island under contract and refund to him three-fourths of the cash price paid.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Dr. Waldron and authorize refund of three-fourths of the purchase price.

B. M. Shotkin stated to the Trustees that on September 14, 1954, he purchased three (3) acres of land, being the northerly part of an island in Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 33 East, Volusia

County, for which he paid \$101.00 an acre, or a total of \$303.00; that he was required to furnish a survey of the parcel before deed could be issued. He stated that the cost of the survey would be \$600.00 and he asks that the Trustees make deed to him using the description carried in the advertisement as that will be satisfactory with him and he will accept conveyance that way. The description as advertised was by latitude and longitude.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Wells be requested to take the matter up with the Attorney General and see if a proper description can be worked out for deeding the land without a survey being made, said description to be approved by the Attorney General as being legal and in conformity with the policies of the Trustees in conveying land out of the state.

Ben Shepard, attorney for the City of Miami Beach, Florida, submits an offer of \$1000.00 an acre for approximately 2 acres of submerged land in Indian Creek, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. The city desires this strip in order to make exchange with private owners for right of way at the front of their property needed for widening Collins Avenue.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only, based on offer from the City of Miami Beach.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 629 listing 425 regular bids for purchase of lands under Chapter 18296; also 22 applications for release of the whole or a part of the road reservation in original deeds. The State Road Department has approved all releases.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as presented and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in a certain Clay County certificate issued against land certified to the state under Chapter 18296, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RAY E. GREEN
Comptroller-Acting Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

January 17, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated January 4 and 10, 1956, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees are now leasing to the United States of America in Lease No. 701 Lot 1 of Section 27 and Lot 1 of Section 28, known as Bush or Tarpon Key, in Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. The lease may be renewed annually until 1960 and the United States is requesting a new agreement which will include the submerged bottoms around the above described land for a distance outward from said Key of 250 yards.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Lease No. 701 for another year, including in said renewal the additional area requested.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged areas adjacent to upland property of each applicant, the appraised price having been offered in every instance:

1. Harry F. Dyer, on behalf of Gene T. Dyer and Evelyn M. Dyer, his wife, offers \$200.00 an acre for 19.97 acres adjacent to their upland property in Section 14, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, Martin County;
2. A. P. Byal, on behalf of North Beach Development Company, offers \$50.00 an acre for 71.4 acres in Section 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County;
3. William C. Grimes, on behalf of Christine Witmer, William C. Grimes and E. Glenn Grimes, offers \$25.00 an acre for approximately 110 acres of submerged land in Section 20, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, on Sanibel Island in Lee County;
4. R. E. Lowrey, Jr., offers \$100.00 an acre on behalf of the following applicants for purchase of submerged land in

Lemon Bay, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County:

Helen Brown—Tract 31—2.7 acres

C. Leon Chapman—Tract 32—11.3 acres

Harold A. Shafer—Tract 33—3.5 acres

5. Frank L. Parker and wife offer \$100.00 for two (2) small parcels comprising 0.96 of an acre adjacent to their upland on Manasota Key, Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County;

6. Robert S. Baynard, on behalf of W. Howard Demarest, makes application for 1 acre, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 26, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. This parcel is appraised at \$200.00 an acre and it is recommended that the land be advertised on that basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the six parcels of land advertised for objections only based on offers submitted and recommended.

Zell H. Altman, on behalf of Kins Corp., offers the appraised price of \$350.00 an acre for 1.5 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Clarke, in Section 16, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance, without advertisement, in favor of Kins Corp., the adjacent upland owner.

The State Road Department makes application for a perpetual easement over certain submerged lands in Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, and Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement across the following parcels of land in favor of the State Road Department:

1. That part of the submerged and unsurveyed lands lying westerly of the west boundary of Government Lots 4 and 5 and southeasterly of Government Lot 9, Section 6, Township 41 South, Range 43 East, and within 80 feet each side of the center line of State Road No. 5, Section 9304; and

2. That part of the submerged lands in the Florida East Coast Canal lying within 100 feet each side of the center line of State Road No. 5, Sec. 9304; also the submerged lands in Loxahatchee River lying westerly of and within 33 feet of the center line of the existing bridge, and easterly of and within 100 feet of the center line of said Road No. 5, all in Section 31, Township 40 South, Range 43 East.

William R. Neblett files application on behalf of Philip Toppino for a deed to clear his title to a small portion of land adjacent to Block 48 of the Old Key West Realty Company's Subdivision, Key West, Florida. The property in question is claimed to have been high land and was deeded by Key West Realty Company to Key West Improvement, Inc., several years ago. The area covers what is known as salt pond lots. Whether or not salt pond lots were actually high lands excavated for salt water condensation during the Civil War is a matter that cannot be proven at this time. It is recommended that a quitclaim deed be issued to the present owner of the property on the basis of \$200.00 per acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to quitclaim the parcel of land in favor of Philip Toppino upon payment of \$200.00 an acre.

Walter S. Rogers, on behalf of client, offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for 30 acres of submerged land adjacent to Little Conch Key in Section 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids and objections, starting with the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre.

A delegation from Sarasota County appeared before the Trustees with reference to sale of submerged areas in that county. Messrs. Glenn Leach and G. M. Nelson, County Commissioners, James E. Wood, attorney for the county, and Messrs. J. F. Burket, Jr., and John T. Graham, attorneys of Sarasota, representing clients, were present.

Mr. Wood, speaking for the county, stated that Sarasota County has filed with the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund a resolution requesting that the Trustees' deeds conveying bay bottom and submerged lands in Sarasota County contain a restrictive covenant that such lands shall remain in their natural state and shall not be pumped in or filled, and thereby alter the coastline, without first obtaining the written consent and approval of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County; that the county would like to have some control over the filling operations; that if the practice is continued there will soon be no bay bottom in Sarasota County.

Mr. Nelson stated that the county has a Planning and Zoning Commission, created by Special Act of the Legislature, and if the county's request is granted they would like to have time to bring before the Planning and Zoning Commission these applications; that the county does not have any objection to filling of areas for mosquito control, but they feel that the county agencies being on the ground available could perhaps decide these questions better than the Trustees; that the county is fairly well mapped along the coast line and there would be very little trouble to make examinations within a short time.

Mr. Wood stated that there were gentlemen here representing purchasers of bay bottom lands and while the county might not object to these particular sales without the restriction in the deed, future owners might do filling that would be objected to. For that reason the county wants control of filling in that area; they do not object to the sales but they want the restrictive covenant in the deeds so that grantees shall in no event fill the bay bottoms or change the shoreline without first obtaining written consent from the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County.

Upon inquiry from Attorney General Ervin if, in the event an agreement is reached with the county, the county has a separate board that can pass on these applications, Mr. Wood stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission could do this as each application is referred to it.

Attorney General Ervin also asked if all applicants would be treated alike, or would there be a chance that politics would enter into these cases, and if there would be a charge for passing on these applications; that the Trustees would want to be assured that the county has an organized plan for passing on these cases and that everyone will be treated uniformly and without having to pay a fee; that if some one wanted to get approval or permission to fill in advance, could he do that and then get a deed from the state free of that restriction; that some parties would want to get that decided before they purchase the land.

Mr. Wood stated that the Special Act of 1955 passed for Sarasota County was modeled after the act creating the Florida Zoning and Planning Commission; that the Sarasota County board has been appointed and the Board of Appeals has also been appointed and adoption of rules and regulations will be gone into within the next several weeks; that as to a charge to applicants who desire to get their plans for filling and development approved, that neither the County Commissioners or the Planning and Zoning Commission will make a charge for this service.

Mr. Ervin stated that if the county would be willing to make determination in advance, if application is made to the County Board to determine if filling in some degree could be made on certain property, and the deed specify how far out the fill could be made, that might be advisable, or it could be on the basis of restrictive clause in the deed and make examination later.

Mr. Elliot suggested to the Sarasota delegation that if they would make request of the U. S. Engineer Office, they would be furnished with copy of notice of filling and improvements to be done in the submerged areas of the state, and by that means they would be advised when any proposed filling was planned for their county.

Mr. J. F. Burket, Jr., stated that he represented two clients who applied to purchase submerged land in front of their upland property. The land was advertised for sale but sale was not consummated as protest was filed by the County Commissioners of Sarasota County; that these sales have been pending since November and December 1955, and no action has been taken by the county. He does not

think these pending applications should be held up where they were filed under the present procedure of the Trustees. He has no objection to the procedure of the county, and if they will set up certain standards that will not interfere with the rights of riparian owners he will have no objections to going before them with plans and letting them determine how far out to fill and then coming before the Trustees for a deed. But as to these applications that have been pending, he thinks they should be approved; he went over his surveys with Mr. Wood and gave him copies and asked that they be presented to the County Commissioners to see if there would be any objections—if not, that they withdraw protest.

Mr. Wood stated that there was no objection to the sale of the two parcels applied for by Mr. Burket for his clients.

Mr. Wells, Land Agent, suggested that the County Commissioners establish a bulkhead line and the Trustees can cut all sales back to that line. He also asked if five (5) weeks would be sufficient time for the county to determine whether or not a proposed sale would be approved or disapproved. The Trustees now furnish the County Commissioners and municipal authorities with copy of notices advertising all sales and they have 5 weeks within which to make a determination; that he would be glad to refer all applicants to the County Commissioners to get their approval before presenting them to the Trustees, if they so desired, and there are a number of applications in the office now that are being held up pending some decision on these questions. It was suggested that after February 1, 1956, the Trustees will decline to accept applications that have not been processed through the Board of County Commissioners; from then on if applicant desires deed he will have to get written permission from the County Commissioners as to the amount of fill to be made, or if not, he will be given a deed with the restrictive clause.

Mr. Graham and his client, Mr. James E. Henderson, asked that action be taken on their application which was held up on protest from the county. The land was advertised for sale November 22, 1955, but action postponed pending investigation of protests by the county.

Mr. Leach stated that the county would have no objection to the sale provided the fill does not go out beyond a certain point not in excess of 110 feet without formal approval from the County Commissioners.

Motion was made by Mr. Green and seconded by Mr. Ervin that the Trustees approve sale of land to Mr. Burket's clients (Dr. Dean O. Taggart, minutes of November 22, 1955; and Edward S. Funsten, minutes of December 27, 1955), and sale to Mr. Graham's client, James E. Henderson (minutes of November 22, 1955), it being agreed that the parcel advertised will not be filled out farther than 110 feet from his upland; also that formal approval from the county will be furnished the Trustees; that any other applications be submitted to the County Commissioners to get approval before action by the Trustees. No adoption of the motion.

A number of other suggestions was made, as follows: that the applications be handled by the County Commissioners or Planning and Zoning Commission before the land is advertised; that determination be reached in advance as to what area could be filled in; or that deeds have the restrictive clause and no fill be made unless approved by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Graham suggested that the Trustees take the whole matter under advisement as whatever action is taken with reference to Sarasota County would have to be accorded other counties in the state; that the County Commissioners of Sarasota County should get legislative action to regulate; that the county has opportunity to protest all sales, but to place a restrictive clause in all deeds will affect the marketability of the land; that as to Mr. Henderson's application, he has no intention of filling beyond the 110 feet but if others are allowed to fill out farther he would like to be given the same consideration.

It was explained that the Trustees would not be disposed to allow fill in that area to go out beyond what would be allowed Mr. Henderson.

It was suggested that since the Governor is not here today, no final action should be taken until he can be present; that the Trustees are of the opinion that they should cooperate with the county as much as possible in the request made to withhold sale of submerged and bay bottom lands until the county can pass on what areas should be filled and which should not, or put in deeds the restrictive clause that no fill can be made until approved by the county. The Trustees present are agreeable to sales in favor of clients of Messrs. Burket and Graham, said land having been advertised for sale November 22 and December 27, 1955, it being understood that Mr. Graham's client will purchase the entire parcel advertised but will fill only 110 feet of such parcel.

Without objection it was agreed that no action would be taken on the above pending return of Governor Collins.

Mr. James E. Wood, county attorney for Sarasota County, asked that the Trustees reconsider the case of James E. Marsh for homestead entry involving a parcel of county owned land, being 40 acres in Section 36, Township 36 South, Range 18 East. Mr. Wood explained that attached to the application of Mr. Marsh was copy of a resolution setting forth the Sarasota Board's expression that they did not favor setting aside that land, but inadvertently the resolution was overlooked when the application was presented to the Trustees. The application was approved and signed by the Trustees and returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota County. The county, having withdrawn the land, would not approve the application. Subsequently, under a law authorizing the county to sell land, the Clerk of the Circuit Court accepted application from another party to advertise the land for bids. Bids were received and sale made to the highest bidder.

Mr. Marsh has now instituted suit against the county involving title to this land, and Mr. Wood requests expression from the Trustees as to what their attitude and action would have been on the application from Mr. Marsh had they been advised of the resolution adopted by the county declining to make the said land available for homestead.

Mr. Elliot explained that the application of Mr. Marsh was sent to the Trustees by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sarasota County with all the necessary papers attached and the application was processed the same as other applications and presented to the Trustees; however, they did not have the information that the county had withdrawn the land. Prior to that time Sarasota County land had been made available for homestead and the Trustees were not advised that said policy of the County Commissioners had been rescinded. The law provides that the county lands shall be made available upon approval of the County Commissioners. On the day the application was filed it appears that the County Commissioners stated that the lands had not been made available. This information the Trustees did not have, and the application was approved and returned to the Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Trustees have no authority to make county owned lands available for homestead. They only have authority to approve the application. The county makes the land available or declines to do so.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Comptroller Green and adopted, that the Trustees rescind its former action, based on the fact that the county declined to make the land available for homestead entry, and order cancellation of the homestead application; also based on the circumstance that had the action of the Sarasota County Commissioners been known to the Trustees at the time the application was presented by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, said application would have been rejected. The approval of said application by the Trustees is a nullity in the minutes.

Mr. Cecil Watson of Miami requested that the Trustees reconsider action taken last week declining to grant the Boy Scouts of America approximately 235 acres of land in Sections 17 and 18, Township 58 South, Range 37 East, Dade County. The Trustees were of the opinion that they would not be justified in granting such an area for Boy Scout purposes; also that the equity of the school fund should be taken into consideration. Mr. Watson stated that he would be willing to offer a reasonable amount to take care of the school equity.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey the 235 acres to South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, at a price of \$4,000.00, representing the one-fourth equity of the School Fund, the remaining three-fourths interest to be granted by the Trustees without cost; deed to contain a covenant that the land will always be used for Boy Scout purposes, and if not so used title will revert to the Trustees.

The Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County submits a certified copy of a resolution adopted January 10, 1956, in which request is made that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund convey to the county 4,170 acres, more or less, of bay bottom lands in Old Tampa Bay, adjacent to the present International Airport.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action on the request until further examination and report.

Mr. Aaron Marsh, city manager of the Town of Gulfport, Florida, on behalf of the city submitted a resolution adopted December 20, 1955, requesting that the Trustees convey to the City of Gulfport without cost the submerged lands within the city limits comprising 353.2 acres, more or less, in Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees withhold action on the request from the City of Gulfport until further examination can be made and report submitted.

Request was submitted from the City of St. Cloud that the Trustees accept \$1079.52 for 315 acres of land in Section 10, Township 26 South, Range 30 East, Osceola County, title to which vested in the Trustees under provisions of Chapter 14572, Acts of 1929. It was explained that upon application from the city in 1935, the Trustees conveyed the land without cost for golf course and airport purposes. In February 1949 the city requested information as to how the restriction could be released and the Trustees agreed to issue quitclaim deed upon payment of \$1079.52. This amount was never paid and the restriction was not released.

On December 6, 1955, the Trustees were requested to release the restriction so that the land could be used for other public purposes of the city, and the request was granted.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the public purpose clause be retained in the deed, or that conveyance be made without restriction upon payment of not less than \$20.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees adopt the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board.

Mr. Elliot reported in connection with filling in Lake Conway, Orange County, by Chester E. Whittle beyond the 86.4 contour as established by the Trustees as the line lakeward of which no sales would be made. By letter dated January 11, 1956, Mr. Whittle states that as soon as he receives deed from the Trustees, he will remove the fill material lakeward of the 86.4 contour; that in consultation with the Attorney General's office he (Mr. Elliot) wired Mr. Whittle that deed would not be issued until the said fill material

was removed and report received from Michaels and Michaels, engineers of Orlando.

Mr. Elliot recommends that approval be given for conveyance to Mr. Whittle without advertisement of land from his upland lakeward to the 86.4 contour, deed to be delivered after report from engineers Michaels and Michaels that fill material outward from the 86.4 contour has been removed. All to be reported to the Trustees by the Engineer.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board.

Recommendation was made by the Central Investment Advisory Service that the Trustees invest Internal Improvement Funds in short-term United States bonds, pending availability of other higher yielding securities.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize investment of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000.00) in short-term United States bonds as recommended by the Investment Service. It was so ordered.

Also, following a recommendation from the Central Investment Advisory Service in connection with investment of Trustees' funds, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded and adopted, that in order to begin earning interest on the funds as promptly as possible, and to avoid the expense of shipping United States Government securities to Tallahassee for payment, and from Tallahassee when liquidating, that

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18.21 Florida Statutes, Honorable J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer, be authorized to accept safekeeping receipts of a Federal Reserve Bank, or member bank thereof, to cover such U. S. Government securities for which he is custodian by law, in lieu of accepting the physical securities;
 2. Immediately upon approval of the purchase of any U. S. Government securities by the respective boards, Ralph Potts, Executive Director of the State Board of Administration, be authorized to place an order for the securities so approved for purchase, and to process the same for payment by warrant of the State Comptroller, countersigned by the Governor, and to arrange for delivery of such warrant to the proper source and the safekeeping receipt to the State Treasurer; and
 3. All other types of securities so approved for purchase shall be processed for payment in the usual manner upon delivery to the office of the State Treasurer.
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Financial statements for the month of December, 1955, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of December 1, 1955	\$551,922.20
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	48,770.00
Quitclaim Deeds	419.00
Sand and Shell Leases	7,390.84
Oil Leases	19,842.01
Advertising Cost and Refunds	69.38
Timber Lease	22.92
Miscellaneous Leases	526.00
Mineral Leases	100.00
Interest on Bonds	19,287.00
Certified copy of Trustees' Minutes	4.00
Treasure Lease	100.00
Grazing Lease	60.00
Refund on Workman's Compensation Policy	7.34
Oil Royalty	46.38
Farm Lease	5,863.48
Fill Material	780.00
General Lease	52.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR	
DECEMBER, 1955	103,340.35
GRAND TOTAL	655,262.55
Less Disbursements for Month of	
December, 1955	63,539.97
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1955	\$591,722.58

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1955

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
12- 2-55	145836	Frank H. Marks, CCC	\$ 8.49
12- 5-55	150501	H. G. Morton	779.53
12- 9-55	157547	Southeastern Telephone Co.	90.50
	157548	Western Union Telegraph Co.	6.78
	157549	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	65.00
	157550	Capital Office Equipment Co.	9.23
	157551	Leon Blueprinting Co.	1.48
	157552	Standard Oil Co.	11.39
	157553	The Highlands County News	14.95
	157554	The Key West Citizen	15.33
	157555	A. B. Fogarty	41.00
	157556	Fred L. Palmer	35.00
12-13-55	160221	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	23,287.12
	160222	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State Bd. Conservation	8,423.23
12-21-55	172067	City of Pahokee	25,326.90
12-22-55	173157	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.	6.85
	173155	Shell Oil Company	8.20
	173156	Midyette-Moor Ins. Agency	31.86
	173158	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.14

	173159	The Key West Citizen	13.03
	173160	Ronnie Green	65.00
	173161	Harry M. McWhorter	110.00
	173162	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	140.00
12-29-55	178121	Sinclair Wells	151.97
12-31-55	175648	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	175649	H. G. Morton	485.90
	175650	A. R. Williams	449.33
	175651	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	175652	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	175653	M. O. Barco	387.93
	175654	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	175655	M. C. Pichard	230.00
	175656	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	175657	S. Wells	361.21
	175658	C. M. Greene	49.35
	175659	R. N. Landers	27.41
	175660	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	175661	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	175662	State Retirement	279.89
	175663	Federal Tax	628.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR DECEMBER, 1955			\$63,539.97

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of December 1, 1955	\$475.00
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1955	\$475.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:			
	December 19, 1955		\$2,091.00
Disbursements from General Revenue:			
12-31-55	176186	E. Hewitt	\$ 373.86
	176187	M. C. Pichard	53.37
	176188	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	176189	State Retirement	26.97
	176190	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH			\$ 541.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 630 listing one (1) bid for purchase of land under Chapter 18296, and Highlands County Deed No. 55-Suppl.-Cor. to Ben T. Stewart and Margaret P. Stewart issued to correct error in part of description in original Deed No. 55 dated December 19, 1940, to the City of Avon Park.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report 630 and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

Mr. Elliot reported that Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and Commonwealth Oil Company have filed executed copy of notice relinquishing Lease No. 7-MA, releasing the E½ of the SE¼ of Section 9, Township 60 South, Range 40 East, containing 80 acres in Monroe County. The lease will expire January 27, 1956.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees accept the notice and record cancellation of the lease.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RAY E. GREEN
Comptroller—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
January 24, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

FRANKLIN COUNTY—On December 6, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00, the appraised price, from James B. Lassetter for a small sand bar or island lying in the unsurveyed SE¼ of Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 4 West, containing 3 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and objections and notice of sale was published in the Apalachicola Times on December 23, 30, 1955, and January 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that he has since received a higher bid of \$375.00 from Byron Keen of Lake City, Florida, and a still higher bid, by telephone from M. C. Kohn of St. Petersburg, Florida, of \$500.00, or on the acreage basis of one hundred sixty and two-thirds dollars an acre.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$600.00 an acre from Walter S. Baynard. Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$600.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Baynard.

BAY AND GULF COUNTIES—On December 20, 1955, the Trustees considered application from Humble Oil and Refining Company for an oil and gas lease involving two tracts of water bottoms, Tract No. 1 consisting of all water bottom lands of the St. Andrews Bay System with all its tributaries, and Phillips Inlet (Lake Powell), comprising 73,158 acres of water bottoms, and Tract No. 2 consisting of water bottom lands of St. Joseph Bay and St. Vincent Sound and their tributaries, comprising 59,635 acres of water bottom land. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lease for sealed competitive bids and copy of notice was published in the Tallahassee Democrat, the Wewahitchka Breeze and the Panama City News Herald, on December 23 and 30, 1955, and January 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land to be leased and opened the only bid received, which was from Humble Oil and Refining Company with an offer of \$57,101.00 for the lease. The cash consideration offered includes rental for the first year at the rate of five cents per acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$57,101.00 as cash consideration and authorize execution of standard form of lease in favor of Humble Oil and Refining Company, the lease to require royalty payments of one-eighth ($\frac{1}{8}$) in kind or in value, and the amount of five cents per acre per annum rental increasing 5% of such original amount annually after the first two years, and said lease shall be for a primary term of ten years.

MONROE COUNTY—On August 30, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00, the appraised value, from Paul Sawyer on behalf of A. S. Van Goidtsnoven, for a parcel of submerged land in Boca Chica Channel, in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.19 of an acre, more or less, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to the northerly one-half of Lot 17, Square 45 of Maloney's Subdivision of Stock Island. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on December 23 and 30, 1955, and January 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 for the parcel of land in Monroe County and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Goidtsnoven.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On December 13, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 an acre, the appraised price, from Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Edward W. Bixby, et ux, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.25 acres, more or less, lying easterly of and adjacent to the South 100 feet of the North 300 feet of Government Lot 2 of said Section 22. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on December 23 and 30, 1955, and January 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that Sarasota County Commissioners have filed objection to sale of any submerged land in that county.

It was ordered that this application be held for approval by the County Commissioners of Sarasota County.

Earl D. Farr, on behalf of Florida West Coast Land Company, the adjoining upland owner, offers the appraised price of \$30.00 an acre for 337.6 acres of submerged land in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11 of Township 41 South, Range 21 East, Charlotte County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer from Florida West Coast Land Company.

B. M. Shotkin verbally protested withdrawal from sale of land in Broward County advertised to be sold on this date. Mr. Wells explained that after advertisement had been published in a Broward County paper for sale of the land referred to by Mr. Shotkin, Broward County Commissioners requested that the sale be cancelled and the land conveyed to the county. The county's request was granted and the land withdrawn from sale.

B. M. Shotkin also protested methods used by the Trustees in sale of submerged lands to parties claiming to be upland owners, and offered suggestions as to how proof of ownership should be established. Mr. Shotkin was thanked for his suggestions.

Mr. Wells explained that with application for purchase of submerged land, certificate or statement was filed with the Trustees by an abstract company, the Clerk of the Court or other county officer as to who is the title holder of the land applied for.

Governor Collins explained to Mr. Shotkin that the upland owner is the only person who is entitled to purchase submerged areas in front of his property; that the Trustees agree on a price they will accept for the land and it is advertised for objections only. Bids are not invited and no other person is allowed to raise the bid of the upland owner.

Mr. Elliot presented for reconsideration the request from the City of St. Cloud for quitclaim deed to 315 acres of land, conveyed to

the city in October 1935 by Osceola County Deed No. 49-5, with restriction for golf course and airport purposes. The city offered amount of the decree—\$1079.52—for release of the restrictions.

Since consideration of this matter last week, the Trustees have received information indicating that this land is worth from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per acre.

Mr. Elliot was requested to ascertain from the City of St. Cloud the purpose for which this land will be used. If it is to be sold for profit, the Trustees feel that the city should pay an amount representing the fair value of the land.

Mr. Elliot reported that the period for which Mr. Harley G. Morton, Fiber Technologist, was employed will expire February 1st, 1956, and it is recommended that his services be continued for an additional six months under the same arrangements as heretofore.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize continuance of Mr. Morton's employment for an additional six months period as recommended.

Mr. Elliot reported that according to action of the Trustees January 17, 1956, purchase has been completed of \$400,000.00 of U. S. Bills dated 1-26-56, due 4-26-56, at 99.431 or \$397,724.00 on a 2.251 interest basis. The Bills are being held in safekeeping by the Atlantic National Bank in Jacksonville for account of the State Treasurer of Florida, and safekeeping receipts will be issued and deposited with the State Treasurer.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve for payment bill from Michaels and Michaels, engineers of Orlando, Florida, in amount of \$725.00 for survey work done at Lake Conway, Orange County.

Mr. Elliot presented as information letter from Mr. R. Malcolm Fortson, Managing Director of the Ship Canal Authority, in which he states that the Canal Authority Board will meet at the earliest possible date and act upon request of the Trustees to withdraw the filing of declaration of taking and plat with the Secretary of State and issue quitclaim deed in favor of the Trustees to the Goat Island area.

Mr. Elliot reported that Budget Director Harry Smith has requested that a certain part of the Engineer and Secretary's office be made available for the Budget Director's use; that he explained to Mr. Smith that there was no space not used by his office, except a small area occupied by a department of the State Treasurer's office; that to divide the office as requested by Mr. Smith would not leave sufficient room for the Trustees' needs.

Governor Collins asked that they continue to study the situation to see if something could be worked out.

No action taken on the matter.

A delegation of Tallahassee citizens came before the Trustees representing five organizations of a historical nature. They were introduced by Mrs. Greene S. Johnston as Mrs. Roy A. Berga, Mrs. Carl Ingram, Mrs. D. A. Avant, Mr. Herbert W. Miller, Dr. Arlie Rhodes, Dr. Mark Boyd and Mr. Ulric Bennett. Mrs. Johnston stated that a resolution was adopted and presented to the Cabinet several weeks ago urging that the State purchase two historic buildings in Tallahassee known as the "Columns" and the "Central Bank Building," located on Adams and Park Avenue, but no funds were available and it was suggested that possibly the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund could purchase the two buildings.

Dr. Mark Boyd gave a brief history of the buildings and urged that the Cabinet have some one study the question and see if some solution cannot be arrived at for the preservation of these buildings.

Governor Collins stated that a committee was appointed to look into this matter but has not made its report yet; that there are restrictions on the Cabinet as to how state funds can be spent and this is being studied by the Committee. He thanked the delegation for coming before the board and expressed appreciation that the city has people who are interested in and work to preserve these monuments for the future.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—	
To State School Fund	18,404.25
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer—	
To State Board of Conservation	6,716.19
3% to General Revenue	11,663.40
Smith-Corona Inc., Syracuse, N. Y.	395.00
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4.10
Dell Hart Typewriter Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	16.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee	35.60
Douglas Baker, CCC Indian River County—	
Recording	2.75
H. Savely McQuagge, Panama City, Fla.—	
Appraisal	107.50

Key West Board of Realtors, Key West, Fla.—Appraisal	227.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—Appraisal	125.00
C. B. Arbogast, Stuart, Fla.—Appraisal	40.00
Stuart Daily News, Inc., Advertising	28.75
News-Press Publishing Co., Ft. Myers, Adv.	13.80
DeLand Sun News, DeLand—Advertising	52.90
Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.—Advertising	50.60
Sarasota Herald-Tribune, Sarasota, Advertising	58.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	2.20
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	117.35
H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.70
Shell Oil Company, Atlanta, Ga.	3.25
George F. Brass, Orlando, Fla.—Appraisal	50.00
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	150.00
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce, Fla.—Appraisal	25.00
Tavares Lake County Citizen—Advertising	12.65
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	15.33
Bradley M. Waldron, Pass-a-Grille, Fla.—Refund	3,178.50
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Expense vouchers	71.57
Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	
U. S. Treasury Bills	397,724.00
R. W. Ervin, Expenses, Washington trip	78.10
J. R. McClure, Expenses, Washington trip	44.57
Fred M. Burns, Expenses, Washington trip	38.92
F. C. Elliot, Expenses, Washington trip	39.32
City of Pahokee—	
Payment on breakwater project loan to city	23,080.50
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	2.08
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	50.60
The Coral Tribune, Key West, Fla.—Advertising	16.10
DeLand Sun News, DeLand, Fla.—Advertising	16.10
Ft. Lauderdale Daily News—Advertising	9.00
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Appraisal	60.00
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	35.00
H. B. Harrell & Son, Leesburg, Fla.—Appraisal	112.60
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando, Fla.—Appraisal	150.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	75.00
TOTAL	\$467,767.42

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 631 listing 47 bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and Hernando County Quitclaim Deed No. 501 to J. P. Mills and L. E. Nott, for release of reservations retained in original deed, as approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 631 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The State Road Department requests right of way across two (2) parcels of land in Wakulla County, described as that part of Lots 188 and 191, Townsite of Hilliardsville, in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, lying within 50 feet each side of the survey line of State Road No. S-373, Sec. 5956.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of easement in favor of the State Road Department as requested.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve disclaiming interest in Taylor County tax sale certificate against land which was certified to the State under Chapter 18296, the Attorney General having advised that said certificate vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
	<hr/> \$771.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
January 31, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated January 17 and 24, 1956, were presented for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Bessemer Properties, Inc., makes application for a one-year extension of its Grazing Lease No. 302, from February 27, 1956, for which extension they offer \$150.00. The land lies in Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Leon County, on Lake Jackson.

The Trustees passed consideration of this request pending clarification of the Supreme Court of a recent decision.

In discussing a Supreme Court opinion on a recent case involving what is known as "Cromartie Arm" in Lake Iamonia, Governor Collins stated that the state does not assume that it does not have title to lake bottoms, but assumes that it does have title to these lake bottoms.

Julian O'Neal makes application for a five year extension of his grazing lease No. 779, from its expiration date of February 14, 1956. He offers \$1.00 an acre annually as rental for the extension of the lease of land described as being 33 acres in Lot 1, Section 21, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of Lease No. 779 for a period of five (5) years with rental payments at \$1.00 per acre annually.

J. E. Frierson offers \$1.00 per acre annually for five (5) year grazing lease on 59 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Sections 14 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five year lease in favor of Mr. Frierson at the rental offered, the lease to contain provision for cancellation at any time with thirty days notice to lessee.

J. E. Frierson offers \$65.00 an acre for 33.05 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Section 14, Township 42 South, Range 33 East, Glades County, adjoining his upland property. The land was appraised at \$50.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that sale be made to Mr. Frierson at the price offered—\$65.00 an acre, without advertising.

The State Road Department makes application for a perpetual easement for right of way purposes across certain land in Volusia County described as that part of the submerged, semi-submerged and artificially filled lands in Turnbull and Spruce Creeks, in Section 26, and Rose Bay in Section 23, all in Township 16 South, Range 33 East, lying within 100 feet each side of the center line of State Road No. 5—Section 7901-279.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement in favor of the State Road Department across the lands described.

Henry P. Boggs, Training Officer Flotilla 7, U. S. Coast Guard, Deland, makes inquiry with reference to purchase of an abandoned lighthouse at Volusia Bar, Lake George, Volusia County, Florida, which is located on state land. Mr. Boggs states that he is interested in acquiring the lighthouse from the United States and would like to have permission from the Trustees for the building to remain on state land and to be relieved of the responsibility of removing the house should the agreement be cancelled at some future date.

It was explained that according to the records the agreement with the United States was that should the lighthouse be abandoned by the Federal Government, the building and the land would revert to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, therefore any sale of the lighthouse or the land will be made by the Trustees.

Without objection the application was passed for further information and statement from applicant as to what use would be made of the lighthouse.

A. R. Surles, Jr., on behalf of Florence Usher Lord, makes application to purchase 4.7 acres of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Sections 15 and 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County. Mr. Wells reported that other sales in that county have a recent appraisal of \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the application be referred to the County Commissioners of Sarasota County for recommendation as to whether the sale will be approved by them.

Mr. Lloyd Campbell, City Attorney of Cocoa, Florida, makes application on behalf of the city and eight property owners—Frances Bowles, Earl Brockington, Peggy Bruen Siegenger, J. V. D'Albora and Annena Daniel McGriff, S. F. Travis Co., Inc., Louis Fischer, D. J. Gibbons and St. Marks Episcopal Church—to purchase submerged lands in the Indian River easterly of and adjacent to the uplands owned by the respective applicants in Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, Brevard County, containing 12.9 acres, more or less.

Mr. Wells reported that he has received an appraisal of \$2,000.00 and \$1,500.00 an acre on this property, and the applicants are here to ask reduction in the price.

Mr. Campbell asked that the Trustees reduce the appraised value of this land and allow the city and private upland owners to purchase on the basis of \$500.00 an acre. He stated that a part of the land is needed for widening State Road No. 520 and connecting with it two roads to the north and south to eliminate a traffic bottleneck through Cocoa; that private owners have contracted with the State Road Department to fill the submerged areas adjoining their upland

and to give the Road Department a right of way for widening said road 520.

Mr. William H. Dial, Road Board Member from Orlando, was present and stated that the State Road Department would be very glad to have this program worked out as it will relieve the traffic situation in and out of Cocoa and out to the Guided Missile Base.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees agree to advertise the 12.9 acres described for objections only, based on an offer of \$500.00 an acre from private parties owning uplands, the city to receive deed to a certain area without cost, and that a fifty-foot strip be granted to the St. Marks Episcopal Church without cost, it being understood that the city and private owners will grant to the State Road Department the necessary right of way for widening State Road No. 520.

The following applications were submitted by Norman C. Schmid, on behalf of clients for purchase of submerged land in Palm Beach County:

Bucky and Carmen Harris offer the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre for 1.95 acres adjacent to upland property in Section 23, Township 44 South, Range 42 East;

Edmund Sheedy applies for 1.53 acres adjacent to his upland in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Appraised price of \$600.00 an acre is recommended;

Apelman Prentice applies for 3.28 acres adjacent to his upland in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East. Appraised price of \$600.00 an acre is recommended.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for objections only conditioned upon applicants agreeing to pay \$600.00 an acre for the land.

Mr. Thomas H. Horobin was present and requested that the Trustees refund to him \$15,000.00 paid the state in 1925 for the purchase of Bird Key, Dade County. He explained that the State did not own Bird Key and the money was never refunded or applied toward the purchase of other lands. The minutes of the Trustees show that motion was made, seconded and adopted, that any money paid on the land be refunded, but there is no record in the minutes to show that a warrant was issued to him as refund. Mr. Horobin also stated that he paid in approximately \$50,000.00 on land purchases and later returned the land to the State, and he would like to select land for that amount.

Mr. Wells explained that after the boom the Trustees had a policy of allowing persons who could not make all payments for land purchased to reconvey all except one-fourth, which represented the down-payment, and get a deed to that for which payment was made.

Mr. Elliot stated that the records show Mr. Horobin paid the \$15,000.00 but the Trustees could not deliver title; that in other cases credit was applied on other land selected; that the records should show any alternate selection in this case but the minutes do not

cover any such transaction as that would not have been necessary where a purchaser was given the option to take credit on other lands.

Governor Collins advised Mr. Horobin that it would be difficult for the Trustees to recognize a claim as old as the one presented, especially since no effort has been made to collect it over the years since 1925. He feels it is not reasonable to ask for refund at this late date.

Mr. Horobin explained that not long after this transaction he lost his wife and went back North for a time; that all his records of these transactions were left up there and he has only recently gotten them down here and gone into them.

Governor Collins expressed the view that even if the Trustees were disposed to make the refund he thinks they would be subject to be enjoined from making this payment; that the Trustees do not doubt Mr. Horobin's sincerity in presenting the claim but feel they have no legal authority actually to honor a claim that old. Consideration by the Legislature was suggested.

Mr. Philip Beall of Pensacola presented request from his client, Perdido Land Company, holder of Oil and Gas Lease No. 775 involving bottom lands of Perdido Bay. Under its terms the lease expired January 1, 1956; however, on December 20, 1955, the Trustees granted an extension to February 1, 1956, provided certain things were done prior to February 1, 1956. Owing to various set-backs, the requirements for the extension have not been met. Mr. Beall further stated that two wells were drilled on the leased premises during the first two and one-half year period without success and under the law that entitles the lessee to two sections of land.

Request is now made that the Trustees readvertise the bay bottoms for an oil and gas lease, excepting the two sections to which lessee is entitled, and specify in the advertisements for bids that lease will be conditioned upon successful bidder agreeing to commence drilling of a well to a minimum of 6,000 feet within forty-five (45) days from signing of the lease.

Mr. Beall stated that his company made a payment of \$1,480.00 on this lease during the month of December 1955.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the request be referred to the Attorney General for investigation as to just what the Trustees are asked to do and what their responsibilities are, there being some question as to what the status of this lease is at the present time.

Mr. Ed Wright of St. Petersburg requested consideration of purchase he made September 13, 1955 of three islands in Lee County on behalf of American Mortgage Company. At the sale it was announced that a right of way would be reserved for the State Road Department and he wrote the County Commissioners of Lee County for information as to where the right of way will be and the description. Mr. Wells told him that he had been down to Fort Myers and

inquired about the right of way but could not find out anything definite. The matter was discussed with the State Road Department and it was thought a decision could be made within two or three weeks; however, he is still not able to get further information.

Mr. Wright suggested that the Trustees have the purchase contract prepared with provision that the right of way be designated within six (6) months and within two years the road shall be built, and if the road is not built within that period that the right of way revert.

The Trustees were favorable to allowing a period of six months for designation of the right of way, but not a limitation of two years for construction of the road.

Governor Collins suggested that Mr. Wright's client be given the preference of taking contract with the provision that the right of way be designated within six months, but if not that he be allowed to cancel the sale; that the Trustees not take the position of trying to coerce the county or the State Road Department to build the road within two years.

The meeting was recessed until 2:30 P. M.

2:30 P. M. All members present.

Mr. William H. Dial and Mr. Chester E. Whittle of Orlando, representing client, Lake Conway Land Development Company, were before the board in connection with the controversy over filling in Lake Conway below the 86.4 contour. Mr. Dial explained his client's case substantially as follows: That following action of the Trustees January 4, agreeing to hold a hearing on this matter January 17, his clients decided to comply with the requirements of the Trustees to remove the fill from the area lakeward of the 86.4 contour, which was established in 1953. By letter of January 11, 1956, Mr. Whittle, on behalf of the company, advised the Trustees that upon receipt of deed to the lands lying between the Government Traverse and the 86.4 contour line, his clients would remove the fill. A telegram from Mr. Elliot on January 13 advised that the "Trustees will not issue deed till the fill lakeward of 86.4 contour as established by Michaels has been removed. Notify Michaels when work completed." His clients removed the fill below the 86.4 contour and Michaels and Michaels, engineers, were ready to so certify to the Trustees, but the attorney for the Trustees notified the president of the company that the Trustees wanted the material put back on the marsh from which it was taken. The company takes the position that it has complied with the requirements of the Trustees and now requests that deed be issued to the 14.74 acres, more or less, in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 7, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Mr. Dial further explained that before any work was done, representatives of the company came to Tallahassee and discussed the subject with officials of the Trustees; that possibly his clients did trespass but it was unintentional and no damage has been done to

the lake; that as to the canals lowering the lake, Mr. Michaels will certify that the water in the canals is one and one-half inches above the water level of the lake.

Governor Collins asked Mr. Elliot if he had any comments to make on the subject.

Mr. Elliot read the following report he had prepared for the Trustees:

Report re: Lake Conway in Connection
with Operations of Mr. Chester E. Whittle

Dear Sirs:

Lake Conway in Orange County, Florida, is a navigable body of water, title to which is in the state. The lake has been permanently lowered by means of what are termed drainage wells around the edge of the lake for drawing the water from the lake and discharging it into the highly porous or cavernous formation below the bottom of the lake. Lake lowering resulted, exposing and reclaiming the bottom from the original natural shore line lakeward for various distances, according to the slope of the lake bottom.

The reclaimed marginal land is in great demand for extending upland holdings toward the newly lowered lake. For meeting these demands and for determining the distance lakeward to which upland owners may acquire title to the reclaimed lake bottoms, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, with the cooperation of the U. S. Geological Survey, made a study of the old and new conditions affecting the lake and fixed the elevation of the new ordinary high water mark above which the reclaimed land would be out of water except during extreme high water conditions of short duration.

The new ordinary high water mark is at what is known as 86.4 contour, representing the elevation in feet of the lake above sea level. The Trustees authorized the sale to adjoining upland owners of the reclaimed lake bottom as far lakeward as the 86.4 contour and many such sales have been made at the standard rate of \$300 per acre and deeds executed.

Recently a situation affecting Lake Conway has been brought into focus by certain operations of Mr. Chester E. Whittle, owner of upland bordering upon said lake. These operations were begun without consent of the Trustees and before making application for the lake bottom land between his upland and the lake, and resulted in filling lake bottoms further lakeward than the limits imposed by the Trustees for building up the land. In the Whittle case, material was dredged from the bottom of the lake and used to build up the lake bottom outward from his upland, in some places 150 to 190 feet further than the 86.4 contour. Also, a channel or canal has been dug both landward and lakeward from the 86.4 contour, connecting with three canals

leading into his upland, all of which constitute trespass on state property.

The work by Mr. Whittle was complained of by many owners of land fronting upon Lake Conway and on January 17, 1956 the Trustees authorized the making of an examination of the situation and report to them thereon. That examination has been made. For procuring accurate information as to that done and its effect upon the lake and its shore at the Whittle location, the services of Messrs. Michaels and Michaels, Civil Engineers of Orlando, were obtained. A survey of the terrain was made, the contour at elevation 86.4 determined, and other data affecting the lake studied. At request from Trustees that the fill lakeward of the 86.4 contour be removed, Mr. Whittle advises that he has removed the fill material placed lakeward of that line. When deed shall have been issued in his favor, that would appear to dispose of the trespass situation in so far as the 86.4 contour is concerned. The changing of the lake shore by cutting a canal into the lake has not been disposed of. At present, a low earth dam across the canal at the lake's edge separates the lake from channels cut into his upland. To the cutting of the lake shore by channels leading into the lake, there is strong, almost universal objection from land owner residents around the lake.

Various statutes give the Trustees authority over and charge them with the protection of state lands and prevention of trespass thereon, among which said lands are "all lands owned by the state by right of its sovereignty" . . . "all lands owned by the state covered by fresh waters."

The cutting of the opening in the lake shore and connecting this opening with short canals leading into the upland do not, in my judgment, result in physical damage to the lake. In so far as trespass alone is concerned, it would appear that the existing trespass situation here could be disposed of by the issuance of a permit to Mr. Whittle covering the alteration of the lake shore, and the cutting of an opening through the same. To such openings, as already stated, there is wholesale objection. If permission be granted in this case and in others, such permission should contain conditions for the protection of the lake against loss of water through breaking the impervious natural seal in the bottom of the lake and for making the connecting waterways public waters for ingress, egress, boating, bathing and fishing, and such other public rights as run with public waters.

Other cases of trespass in Lake Conway have resulted through cutting channels into the lake, connecting upland property with its waters for making water front lots, highly desirable for sales purposes. To certain extent, this constitutes appropriation of public waters for private gain. It may be that objection to altering the shore line could be satisfied by requiring that a substantial culvert of suit-

able size be placed at the entrance to the opening into the lake for providing a continuous public passageway around the lake shore.

In the Chester Whittle matter, I recommend:

1. That deed be issued to Mr. Whittle covering the lake bottom land taken by him, situated between his upland and the established 86.4 foot contour of Lake Conway upon proof acceptable to Trustees that all fill material placed lakeward of said contour has been removed.
2. That with due regard to public feeling, based upon sound and reasonable grounds, Trustees grant permission to alter the shore line of the lake, provided that in making such alteration provision satisfactory to Trustees be made for preserving a continuous public passage-way around the lake.

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Mr. Elliot further remarked that the work done by Mr. Whittle has in no way damaged the lake and examinations show that the lake level has not been lowered by reason of such dredging.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that there was a question in his mind as to whether the Trustees have the right to insist on anything but for Mr. Whittle's client to pay for the area that belongs to the state outside of the 86.4 contour between the traverse line and their upland. It is true they dredged beyond the 86.4 contour and built the dam, which they had no right to do. They have removed the fill but the dam is still there. If he had first purchased the land he could have dug the canal so long as he did not interfere with the water level or pollute the water of the lake; that he did wrong in putting in the boat basin but it does not appear necessary to make him fill it up as it has harmed no one else or done any damage to the lake.

Mr. Dial stated that the dam will be removed; that the question is before the court now for injunction.

Mr. Gladstone Kohloss of Orlando, one of the property owners who signed the petition protesting the dredging and filling in the lake, read the petition and stated that about 350 landowners around the lake have signed said petition. He submitted that Mr. Whittle's client knew about the 86.4 contour being established, as every engineer in Orange County was furnished a copy, and the surveyor doing Mr. Whittle's work had knowledge of it before the dredging was commenced; that if the Trustees give him a deed he will be getting land not only above but below the 86.4 contour and the public will be barred from going on the fill; that the whole line around the lake is marshy and any number of owners have been filling these marshy areas. Most of them have discontinued since this case has come up; that one project of Mr. Detwiler was pumping in 300 feet along the lake to a depth of from 28 to 36 inches, but it was now stopped; that filling of this kind has been going on all around the lake for years; that if Mr. Whittle's client had taken

fill material from privately owned property he would have had to put it back and the Trustees should be treated the same way.

Governor Collins remarked that it is agreed that Mr. Whittle's client was trespassing all the way through; that Mr. Elliot has looked into the matter and sent a telegram from the Trustees to Mr. Whittle to remove the fill; that he has complied with the Trustees' instructions and now in good faith has applied to purchase what he would have been entitled to in the first instance.

Mr. Dial stated that his clients admit the trespass; that they have removed the fill and will remove the dam, and they are now asking for the same consideration that has been given to every abutting owner around the lake, and that is a deed to lake bottoms adjacent to their upland out to the 86.4 contour.

Mr. John Cates, president of Lake Conway Improvement Association, stated that what most of the people around the lake are concerned about is that Lake Conway be confined to its own shores; that they do not expect Mr. Whittle's client to return every grain of sand removed from the yacht basin but they are of the opinion that the lagoons, if the practice is continued, will be a health menace to the lake itself and all they are asking is that the dirt be removed back to the contour established; that there seems to be no particular harm to come from these three lagoons but if dredged all around the lake it will materially affect it.

The Governor stated that the Trustees do not want to set a precedent in this matter; that it would not be advisable to have these lagoons dug unless it could be developed that they were spring fed and would not disturb the lake level.

Mr. Elliot stated that there were no springs around the lake but the water comes from seepage toward the lake; that if a lagoon is opened he does not see that it would damage the lake, but care should be taken that the impervious seal at the bottom of the lake is not broken. That should be a condition in any permit for changing the bottom of the lake; that it has been the policy of the Trustees that where land is purchased from the state, unless some special objection is made, permission will be given for taking fill material from the lake or tidal water for making fill on the land purchased; that where fill is taken without permit, the Trustees make a charge for the material.

Attorney General Ervin stated that this case was not to be considered as a precedent, and if residents around the lake will report any filling beyond the 86.4 contour when it starts the Trustees can take action to stop it then. Also, that before any normal line of any lake in the state is broken by any act, prior approval be obtained from the Trustees with a plan submitted of the project for approval.

All parties having had opportunity to be heard, Mr. Whittle asked that the Trustees deed him the area which he was entitled to purchase.

Motion was made by Mr. Green that the sale be consummated to Mr. Whittle's clients, Lake Conway Land Development Company, at a price of \$300.00 an acre conditioned upon the spreading of material landward of the 86.4 contour so that it will not be in an unsightly condition and leave the canals accessible for use of the public; also, that the dam across the entrance canal to the lake be removed when and if its removal shall be in conformity with the action of the Circuit Court in a suit for injunction now pending in such court. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayo and upon vote adopted.

Citizens of Highlands County protest dredging operations in Lake Jackson (Lake Rex Beach) and ask that the Trustees take action to stop the taking of such material.

Mr. Elliot reported that the protest was taken up with the Attorney General and letter from him suggests that the matter be investigated and demand made upon persons doing the dredging to return the sand and soil to the lake, or to pay the usual price charged for such material where public safety does not require that said sand and soil be returned to the lake; that where uplands have been extended into the lake, such extensions belong to the state and any persons using the same is guilty of trespass upon state land.

Without objection the matter was referred to the Attorney General with request that he take the necessary action to carry out his suggestions.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that a letter has been received from the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Mobile District, with reference to improvement to Apalachicola River below Jim Woodruff Dam. The information conveyed is that only Franklin County has adopted the necessary resolutions incident to furnishing the Federal Government with rights of way and spoil areas required; that it is expected that all other counties, except Gulf County, will adopt resolutions requested. Gulf County Commissioners have indicated that they will take no action at this time toward acquisition of right of way and spoil disposal areas. The U. S. Engineers have stated that this work cannot be started until all counties have adopted the necessary resolutions pledging local cooperation.

Mr. Elliot suggested that it might be of some benefit if a letter was sent by the Governor to each Board of County Commissioners urging that they cooperate with the Federal Government in procuring the necessary right of way and spoil areas.

Governor Collins asked that Mr. Elliot do whatever he feels is necessary in getting action by the counties involved.

Consideration was given to Okeechobee County land described as E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 33, Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, certified to the state under Chapter 18296—the Murphy Act. Subsequently the parcel was conveyed to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund under Chapter 610. In 1927, prior to the Murphy Act, acting as agents for Everglades Drainage District, the Trustees

sold the land into private ownership and taxes were paid through the years which would have entitled the tax sale certificate to be cancelled under the Futch Act. The land should not have been certified to the state under the Murphy Act.

Mr. Elliot recommends issuance of a quitclaim deed in favor of George M. Tyson who has been paying taxes on the land since acquiring title from the Trustees' grantee in 1927.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize execution of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Tyson to the E½ of Lot 33, as above, upon payment of \$5.00.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 631 was presented, listing 16 regular bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296, and also 51 deeds for releasing all or a part of the road right of way retained in original deeds, as approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 631 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates covering land in Citrus and Liberty Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 14, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval minutes of the Trustees dated January 31, 1956, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

DADE COUNTY—On December 20, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$180.00 an acre, the appraised price, from James W. Moore, on behalf of Edward C. Christiansen, George Stamos, Stanley C. Myers, S. W. O'Neil and Wilbur C. Knox, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean, in Sections 20, 29 and 32, Township 56 South, Range 42 East, designated as follows:

Parcel No. 1 on Ragged Key No. 3, containing 35 acres;
Parcels Nos. 2 and 3 on Ragged Keys 2 and 4, containing 70 acres;

Parcel No. 4 on Ragged Key No. 1, containing 30 acres;

Parcel No. 5 on Ragged Key No. 5, containing 30 acres;

A total acreage of 165 acres, more or less.

The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and read a telegram from Mr. I. D. McVicar on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County, stating that the County Board opposes sale of any submerged lands within and adjacent to Biscayne Bay for private exploitation and that these areas should be reserved for public use in connection with the causeway extending from Key Biscayne to Key Largo.

Mr. James W. Moore, representing the applicants, was present and asked that the Trustees consummate the sale of the land advertised in favor of his clients; that they are only asking for sufficient area to fill their islands to what will be necessary; that these parcels are located approximately 18 miles from Miami and 8 or 9 miles from any mainland; that while the proposed improvement of the islands has not been submitted to the United States Engineers, the appraiser is ready, when the Trustees approve the sale, to report that the improvement proposed will aid navigation and not be objectionable. Applicants proposed to make improvements at a cost of approximately two million dollars, which will bring added taxes and sales tax into the state and will mean that these rock piles will be made usable and beautiful; that the improved islands will serve as a breakwater and will give some protection to the mainland during storms or hurricanes; the public will have the same rights for boating, bathing and fishing as they now have.

Mr. Moore further stated that it is his understanding that the right of way for the causeway has already been decided upon; that his clients will be agreeable to have put in the deeds that a right of way 200 feet wide will be reserved for state roads. He requests that the Trustees approve this sale to his clients and let them make some use of the islands, otherwise it is very probable that they will be disposed of to other interests that may not make the type improvements as contemplated by the present owners; that there has been no public opposition through the newspapers to this sale and they do not find any record where the County Commissioners have opposed the sale; that he does not believe the causeway will run anywhere near these islands; that an entirely different route will be decided on if the causeway is ever constructed.

The Trustees expressed the opinion that they would not be disposed to convey any area that might be needed later for right of way; that it is believed the causeway will be built within a short time and this board does not feel that it should require the County Commissioners to designate the right of way at this time.

Attorney General Ervin recommended that Mr. Elliot be requested to consult with public body making the protest as to location and needs for the right of way; also that he consult with the applicants and others, if the area applied for is too extensive, and give the board his recommendation as to how it will affect navigation, the view and scenic beauty of that area, its use for the public, including the county's request for right of way.

Mr. Elliot stated that he has made a report on this subject from the standpoint of navigation and damage from hurricanes, but not as to the route of right of way; that the County Commissioners did indicate to him a zone within which they think should be reserved a right of way 2000 feet wide to cover any possible variation in the right of way, but does not think they have decided on any definite location.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that further consideration of the pending application and the objection be postponed until a later meeting, and that Mr. Elliot be requested to consult with the County Commissioners of Dade County and with the owners making application, and report his recommendation as to a proper course for the state to pursue in the matter. It was so ordered.

MARTIN COUNTY—On December 20, 1955, the Trustees considered request from R. J. Randolph, on behalf of St. Lucie Inlet District and Port Authority, that the Trustees advertise for sale, subject to objections only, 13 acres, more or less, of submerged land adjacent to upland property of the applicant in Hansen Grant, in the St. Lucie River. It was explained that the land was conveyed to the District by Deed No. 19514 dated October 1, 1949, without advertising and grantees asked that the Trustees advertise the property as required by Sections 253.12 and 253.13, Florida Statutes of 1941. The request was granted and the land was advertised in the

Stuart News on January 5, 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been received to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of St. Lucie Inlet District and Port Authority.

Letter from B. M. Shotkin, dated January 25, 1956, was read to the Trustees, in which he protested the manner in which various sales have been made by the Trustees, asking that all sales held since 1951 where the land was advertised for objections only be reopened on the ground that sales were made to other than upland owners.

Mr. Wells recommended that the objections be overruled and not allowed. In discussing the subject it was explained that no preference is given one party over another, except (1) to public bodies, such as cities, counties and state agencies where the land is to be used for public purposes, and (2) to upland owners where disposition of water bottoms adjoining their upland would deprive them of their riparian rights. This type of land is advertised for objections only after a satisfactory price has been agreed upon, and no other party is allowed to bid for the submerged land. For the past year it has been the policy of the Trustees to have appraisals made of all land before sale to determine a fair and reasonable price to be charged.

Also, it has been the policy for the past several years to have the Engineer for the Trustees examine each application for submerged land, and if he deems it necessary in the interest of navigation and the public, he recommends that the area be reduced or that the parcel be not sold. The law provides that sale of submerged land to upland owners cannot extend outward beyond the channel in front of the upland owner.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the letter be filed and that Mr. Shotkin be notified that consideration has been given to his complaints; that the Trustees find the complaints are not well founded; that no preference has been given by the Trustees in the sale of any land, except such preference as has been justified in the sale of lands to public agencies with restriction to public use, and such preference as is required by law to be given upland owners, in which cases the Trustees have taken reasonable safeguards to be sure that the applicant is the adjoining upland owner and that the purchase price charged has resulted in a fair return to the state.

Mr. Wells reported that he has been informed by Mr. Ed Wright of St. Petersburg, on behalf of his client, that he will not consummate purchase of 197.4 acres of submerged land in Lee County at \$300.00 an acre—sale held September 13, 1955—owing to stipulations in the deed for right of way. At the meeting of the Trustees January 31,

1956, it was indicated that if Mr. Wright wished to withdraw from the sale he could do so.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize withdrawal by Mr. Wright's client from sale of Lee County land, without prejudice.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land, for which the appraised price, or the recommended price, has been offered:

DADE COUNTY—Mrs. Anna Fischer offers \$23.00 per lot for all lots owned by the Trustees in Liberty Grove Subdivision, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 53 South, Range 40 East;

OKALOOSA COUNTY—J. W. Kennedy offers \$10.00 an acre for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 24 West;

UNION COUNTY—Wallace M. Jopling, on behalf of Kenneth Dicks, offers \$15.00 an acre for the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 18 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted in each case.

The State Road Department makes application for perpetual easement covering right of way required across Longboat Inlet, Sections 15 and 22, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County, designated as that part of the submerged lands of Longboat Inlet between Anna Maria Key and Longboat Key, lying within 500 feet of the survey line, easterly and westerly of Anna Maria Key, etc.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department as requested.

The following applications were presented from adjoining upland owners for submerged bottoms in front of their property:

MANATEE COUNTY—Dewey A. Dye, on behalf of Lars and Marie Hansen, offers \$200.00 an acre for 1.22 acres of land in Section 20, Township 34 South, Range 17 East. Appraised at \$175.00 an acre;

CHARLOTTE AND LEE COUNTIES—Earl Farr, on behalf of Sunset Realty Corporation, offers the appraised price of \$40.00 an acre for approximately 1000 acres in Gasparilla Sound, Section 35, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, and in Section 2, Township 43 South, Range 20 East, Lee County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on the offers

submitted, Mr. Elliot to pass on the amount of acreage to be conveyed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees pass consideration at this time on the application from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Bernie C. Papy, Jr., for purchase of 5.83 acres of submerged land on Stock Island in Section 27, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County, for which he offers \$200.00 an acre instead of the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre.

W. J. Steed, on behalf of Mrs. Lucille W. Kenney, offers the appraised price of \$50.00 an acre for 39.6 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in East Lake Tohopekaliga, Township 25 South, Range 30 East, Osceola County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance in favor of Mrs. Kenney at the price offered, \$50.00 an acre, without advertising.

The City of Fort Pierce, Florida, makes application for a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River, in Section 2, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, St. Lucie County, containing approximately 13 acres. The area is adjacent to and southerly of a parcel previously conveyed to the Fort Pierce Inlet District and will be used for public purposes for a sewage disposal plant.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the request be granted, subject to the land being advertised for objections only in view of the use which will be made of the area.

A. R. Surles, Jr., on behalf of Florence Usher Lord, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 4.7 acres of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Sections 15 and 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, Sarasota County.

Mr. Wells explained that this parcel was advertised previously with a group of other parcels before the ruling on submerged lands in Sarasota County went into effect, and since it was an oversight Mr. Surles asks that sale be consummated without the necessity of securing permission from the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County.

The Trustees are not agreeable to making sale without approval from the County Commissioners and directed that the application be referred to the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County for approval before advertising for objections.

The City of Edgewater, Florida, makes application to purchase 3.1 acres of submerged and overflow land in the Indian River North, Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County, the said land to be used for public purposes only.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant the request and agree to convey the parcel without cost, subject to the land being advertised for objections only.

Bessemer Properties, Inc., makes application for a one-year extension of its Grazing Lease No. 302, expiring February 27, 1956, for which it offers \$150.00. The land lies in Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Leon County, on Lake Jackson.

Resolution adopted January 24, 1956, by the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County urges that the Trustees do not lease or let any part or portion of the public bodies of water situate in Leon County to any private persons for private purposes, but leave said public bodies of water for the use and enjoyment of all the people of the State of Florida and visitors thereto.

Mr. Elliot explained that the lease is held by an owner of land around the lake and he uses the lake bottom where the water has receded as grazing for cattle; that some posts have been set and wires strung from one to the other and when the water in the lake rises the posts will be a hazard to small boats. The County Commissioners have asked that the Trustees do not issue leases below the ordinary high water mark of the lake.

Further information was that a suit was brought some time ago to restrain the Trustees from the sale of land in Lake Jackson and the Supreme Court held that said lake was navigable and even though navigation be interrupted at low lake stages, it was still a navigable body of water; that no land owner around the lake has the right to appropriate to his private use any part of the public body of water, the indication being that these areas should be held for the use of the public as it takes the nature of a public park when the bottoms of the lakes are exposed.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on this subject be passed until the Supreme Court decision has been reached in a suit involving ownership on another lake in Leon County.

Mr. Elliot recommended adoption of a resolution certifying state owned lands for assessment of taxes for Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, the list of such lands now being ready for transmittal to the Tax Assessors of the counties in which the Trustees own land located in said district.

Motion was made, seconded and carried, that the following resolution be adopted by the Trustees:

R E S O L U T I O N

BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that pursuant to Section 30 of Chapter 25209, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1949, being Section 378.30 Florida Statutes, 1951, the said Trustees hereby certify to the Tax Assessor of each county having land within Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District a list of lands held by said Trustees in

said county, which lie within said Flood Control District, for the assessment thereon of said Flood Control District taxes.

Telegram was presented from Palm-Hibiscus-Star Island Property Owners, Dade County Conservation Council, and Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Dade County, protesting renewals or extensions of private leases in any form for Watson Park, Miami, and petitioning public hearing on this subject.

Mr. Elliot reported that his office has received no request for renewal or extension of any lease in the Watson Park area.

Attorney General Ervin stated that several years ago a public hearing was held in Miami on the subject of releasing the restriction for public purposes in deed to the City of Miami and it was understood that there would be no objection to short term leases in favor of Miami Yacht Club, Miami Outboard Club, Howard Bond and Goodyear Blimp.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the parties protesting the leases be afforded an opportunity to be heard and in the meantime that any request for extension of leases be held up.

Mr. Elliot reported that Senator Harry E. King of Winter Haven, Florida, requests that the Trustees take action to assist the ridge section in a critical drought condition affecting the citrus growers and farmers in that area. They urge the Trustees to allow use of water from the meandered lakes in the counties of Lake, Polk and Highlands to irrigate the groves and farms. Mr. Elliot submitted a suggested form of resolution in the event the board desired to allow use of the lakes as requested, and explained that water in nearly all of the lakes in the state is far below normal and care should be taken not to lower the water line too far.

Attorney General Ervin suggested that the resolution should contain a proviso that nothing in the resolution will preclude the adjacent upland owner from enjoining the lowering of the water level of the lake if the same materially affects his property; also that in taking water from the lakes it shall be provided that no substantial or permanent damage will be done to the margin of the lake, such as digging canals or ditches into the lake.

Governor Collins suggested that one requirement be that the taking of water shall be by pumping through pipes from the lakes; also that provision be made that the level of the lakes shall not be reduced to such a point as will drain the water out; that any water taken should be pumped out by pipe so as not to disturb the meander line of the lake and not open canals or ditches. The Governor suggested that Mr. Elliot contact Mr. Byron E. Herlong, Chairman of the Water Resources Study Commission, and obtain recommendation from him as to the need for this action and what safeguards will be necessary to retain a sufficient amount of water in the lake for protection of the fish as well as the adjacent upland owners.

Mr. Elliot explained that it was his intention to prepare certain instructions to be followed by those taking water from the lakes so as to safeguard the minimum water level in the lake, provide that any surplus be returned to the lakes, protect the shoreline and such other measures as would be necessary. Mr. Elliot further advised that 12 of the 17 lakes in that area are lower now than they have been during any January of any year since records have been kept, and that from those lakes that are critically low no water should be allowed to be taken.

Governor Collins suggested that Mr. Elliot re-work the resolution, taking into consideration the suggestions brought out, and after conference with Mr. Herlong, the matter can be considered again by the Trustees, at a special meeting possibly Thursday morning since this seems to be of an emergency nature.

Mr. Elliot presented telegram from Floyd L. Brown, president of the Alliance for Conservation of Natural Resources, with reference to fill on south Treasure Isle by Causeway Isles, stating that a request for hearing had not been granted; also that it was understood that plans proposed by Causeway Isles had not been furnished the Trustees and that dredge was moving in that day. He suggested that the Trustees ignore suit by Ben Overton as two of the plaintiffs have withdrawn; that the compromise is not satisfactory to the Alliance, and he believes citizens' rights are being violated. Mr. Brown requests that operations be halted.

Mr. Elliot reported that his office has not received the plans for development of the submerged bottoms by Causeway Isles, which area was sold by the Trustees about 1926; that he knows of no law that compels the Trustees to approve plans for dredging, although there is an arrangement by which the U. S. District Engineers at Jacksonville and Mobile do furnish the Trustees with notice of any applications for permit to do dredging or filling in the public waters. No such notice has been received with reference to Causeway Isles and until the office has seen what the proposed improvements will consist of, there is no way of knowing whether the Trustees will object or approve the permit; that he does not believe the Trustees are obligated to approve plans just because the County Commissioners have given their approval.

In discussing the subject it was explained that it has been the policy of the Trustees for some time to request purchasers from the state to send in proposed plans for improvement of submerged areas. These plans are submitted to the Engineer and he either approves, suggests modification, or does not recommend the plans. It was also suggested that Mr. Floyd's statement that a requested hearing was not granted be cleared up, as it is the policy of the Trustees to grant such requests when made.

Governor Collins expressed the view that since these owners are opposing the dredging and filling of submerged areas in Pinellas County, the Trustees should be informed as to what authority they have in such cases.

Attorney General Ervin remarked that even though a special act authorizes the local board to act as umpire or arbitrator in the filling of submerged areas, there is retained in the state and the Trustees authority to administer the exercises of the inalienable trust of the people and such trust overrides all deeds or grants by this board; that if the situation is clear and convincing that those rights are being violated he thinks the Trustees, acting on behalf of the state, can demand that the work be stopped; that when a notice of application is furnished by the United States Engineers it is examined by Mr. Elliot and either protested, or notice given that no protest is made to the proposed work; that the whole question seems to be one of fact and whether or not the rights of the people of the state are being violated, in which case the Trustees can intervene.

The suit referred to was filed by Mr. Ben Overton of St. Petersburg.

Mr. Larson suggested that the Trustees ascertain what work is being done by Causeway Isles, ask them what the proposed improvements consist of and if they have been submitted to the Trustees; also that the group protesting be given the opportunity to appear before the Trustees if they so desire.

Governor Collins remarked that it looks like this board is being put in a bad spot; that the local board of County Commissioners has been given authority to grant permits and determine what filling should be done; that apparently Causeway Isles people have cleared through the County Board and the group protesting is dissatisfied with that action and is asking the Trustees to stop what they claim is harmful; that apparently the Trustees do not have sufficient information to act and he suggests that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty go into the matter and determine whether the work being done is contrary to the public interest, and if so and the Trustees have the authority to stop it, that such action be taken. If not contrary to public interest, the parties protesting should be advised of the law and the limitations of the Trustees' authority in such matters, and they should also be advised that the Trustees have no record of denying a public hearing.

It was also requested that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty find out what permission Causeway Isles has and if it is legal, and give the Trustees an analysis of the controversy and what their recommendation is.

Mr. Elliot and Mr. Moriarty were requested to go down to Pinellas County and investigate the matter, advising both parties that representatives of the Trustees will be down and will confer with them. It was suggested that Causeway Isles be requested to hold up operations till the Trustees have an opportunity to make the investigation.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that refund in amount of \$1079.52 be made to the City of St. Cloud as reimbursement of amount deposited with the Trustees for quitclaim deed to remove the restriction from original Deed No. 49-5 dated October 14, 1935, conveying land in Osceola County.

The Trustees recently declined to remove the restriction entirely but agreed to issue a correction deed to modify the restriction "for golf course and airport purposes" so as to include "for other public municipal purposes". It was ordered that the amount deposited be now refunded.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the following salaries and expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	10,402.06
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	6,986.25
Sinclair Wells—Expenses as Land Agent	167.35
H. G. Morton—Expenses as Fiber Technologist	952.52
A. P. & R. K. Michaels, Orlando, Fla.—Survey	
work at Lake Conway, in Orange County.....	725.00
Robt. M. Angus & Assoc., Jacksonville, Fla.	
Work on E.N.P. survey	1,425.00
City of St. Cloud—Refund	1,079.52
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	9.18
Marchant Calculators Inc., Oakland, Calif.....	36.00
W. S. Weaver, CCC Bay County—Recording	3.10
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.—Adv.	32.97
The Coral Tribune, Key West, Fla.—Adv.	64.40
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	150.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla., Appraisal	175.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., W. Palm Beach, Appraisal	150.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	147.00
The Palm Beach Post Times—Adv.	81.00
The Gulf County Breeze, Wewahitchka, Fla., Adv.	108.10
Tallahassee Democrat—Adv.	102.35
Panama City News-Herald—Adv.	104.65
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	118.65
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	8.44
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	2.84
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	54.55
Claud A. Gandolfo, Tax Assessor, Monroe County	9.40
The Key West Citizen, Key West, Fla.—Adv.	20.70
Geo. F. Brass, Orlando, Fla.—Appraisal.....	100.00

Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	135.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach, Fla. Appraisals	510.43
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Appraisal	107.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla.—Appraisal	350.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers, Fla.—Appraisal	50.00
John D. Moriarty, Tallahassee, Fla.—Expenses ...	66.00
City of Pahokee, Fla.— On construction of breakwater project	23,756.29
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	38.25
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	4.00
Eugene L. Barnes & Sons, St. Augustine, Fla.— Appraisal	25.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Adv.	21.85
The Okeechobee News—Adv.	18.40
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster, Tallahassee, Fla.	15.00
American Hdwe. Mutual Ins. Co., Atlanta, Ga.	93.36
TOTAL	\$53,071.60

Financial statements for the month of January are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of January 1, 1956	\$591,722.58
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$52,533.54
Quitclaim Deeds	\$291.00
Less Returned Check	5.00
Net	286.00
Sand and Shell Leases	7,972.75
Oil Leases	1,445.28
Advertising Refunds	108.48
Timber Lease	25.73
Mineral Leases	275.00
Interest on Bonds	5,606.50
Certified Copies of Trustees' Minutes	6.00
Grazing Leases	496.00
Gravel Lease	291.80
Miscellaneous Leases	770.25
Farm Lease	1,280.00
Total Receipts for Month of January, 1956	71,097.33
GRAND TOTAL	662,819.91
Less Disbursements for Month of January, 1956	467,767.42
BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1956	\$195,052.49

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF JANUARY, 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1- 9-56	186559	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	\$ 4.10
	186560	Dell Hart Typewriter Co.	16.50
	186561	Capital Office Equipment Co.	35.60
	186562	Douglas Baker, CCC	2.75
	186563	H. Savely McQuagge	107.50
	186564	Key West Board of Realtors	227.00
	186565	Carl G. Harding	125.00
	186566	C. B. Arbogast	40.00
	186567	Stuart Daily News, Inc.	28.75
	186568	News-Press Publishing Co.	13.80
	186569	DeLand Sun News	52.90
	186570	The Key West Citizen	50.60
	186571	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	58.65
	186572	Smith-Corona Inc.	395.00
1-11-56	190527	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to Prin. State School Fund	18,404.25
	190528	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to St. Board Conservation	6,716.19
1-16-56	196117	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to General Revenue	11,663.40
	197011	Western Union Telegraph Co.	2.20
	197012	Southeastern Telephone Co.	117.35
	197013	H. & W. B. Drew Co.	2.70
	197014	Shell Oil Co.	3.25
	197015	George F. Brass	50.00
	197016	Fred L. Palmer	150.00
	197017	Carl Gosbee	25.00
	197018	Tavares Lake County Citizen	12.65
	197019	The Key West Citizen	15.33
1-18-56	200323	Bradley M. Waldron	3,178.50
1-24-56	206234	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	71.57
	206235	R. W. Ervin	78.10
	206236	J. R. McClure	44.57
	206237	Fred M. Burns	38.92
	206238	F. C. Elliot	39.32
	206239	City of Pahokee	23,080.50
1-25-56	206471	Atlantic National Bank, Jackson- ville, Florida	397,724.00
1-31-56	195635	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	195636	H. G. Morton	485.90
	195637	A. R. Williams	449.33
	195638	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	195639	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	195640	M. O. Barco	387.93
	195641	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	195642	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	195643	S. Wells	361.21
	195644	C. M. Greene	49.35
	195645	R. N. Landers	27.41
	195646	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
	195647	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38

195648	State Retirement.....	279.89
195649	Federal Tax	628.90
211004	Standard Oil Company.....	2.08
211005	The Key West Citizen.....	50.60
211006	The Coral Tribune.....	16.10
211007	DeLand Sun News.....	16.10
211008	Fort Lauderdale Daily News.....	9.00
211009	A. B. Fogarty.....	60.00
211010	Fred L. Palmer.....	35.00
211011	H. B. Harrell & Son.....	112.60
211012	George F. Brass.....	150.00
211013	Harry M. McWhorter.....	75.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF
JANUARY, 1956.....\$467,767.42

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT

Balance as of January 1, 1956.....\$ 475.00

Receipts:

1-24	Highlands County	\$400.00
	Hillsborough County	600.00
1-31	City of Sarasota.....	250.00

Total Receipts for the Month..... 1,250.00

GRAND TOTAL..... 1,725.00

Less Disbursements for the Month..... —0—

BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31, 1956.....\$1,725.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

1-16-56\$5,668.75

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH..... 5,668.75

Disbursements from General Revenue:

1-31-56	198972	E. Hewitt	373.86
	198973	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	198974	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.....	7.75
	198975	State Retirement	26.97
	198976	Federal Tax	79.30

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.....\$ 771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot submitted report No. 633 listing ten (10) regular bids for purchase of land under Chapter 18296, also Dade County Deed No. 3136-Cor. to Jose Julio Morales and Josephina L. Morales, issued to correct name of grantee.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 633 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

At the suggestion of the Secretary, motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that blanket approval be given for issuance of quitclaim deeds releasing all or a part of the right of way reserved in Murphy Act deeds for the State Road Department, where such releases are approved by the State Road Department.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates certified to the state under Chapter 18296, covering land in Lake, Nassau and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Mr. George C. Dayton of Dade City, Florida, representing Western Reserve Properties, Inc., owner of property in Hernando County conveyed out of the state under the Murphy Act in Deed No. 501, requests that the Trustees waive the rule requiring construction of a building on the property in not less than two years in order to secure release of the oil and mineral reservation. This rule applies to land located outside of a municipality. Mr. Dayton explained that his clients have subdivided the property as Ridge Manor Farms, but mortgage loans will not be approved without release of the restriction for oil and minerals.

Mr. Elliot advised that the restriction referred to requires completion of a building on the property in not less than two years. It is not a requirement of law but a rule adopted by the Trustees and may be changed at any time they so desire.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of the restriction where it is shown that the land has been subdivided and an official plat recorded, with streets dedicated to public use and open for travel; also evidence given that lots in the subdivision are actually being sold, or where areas are dedicated to the use of the public, such as golf courses and parks.

Mr. Elliot was requested to revise the rule so that it will be of general application, and that the matter be followed through with Mr. Dayton on the particular case presented by him.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary.....	321.67
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	\$ 771.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

February 28, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund dated February 14, 1956, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that there are a number of sales advertised to be heard today, as follows:

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On January 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre from James E. Bramuchi for purchase of the East 330 feet of Government Lot 4 of Section 25, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, containing 10 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting at \$200.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that he has received a bid of \$265.00 an acre from Horace L. Zemel, at which price the bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$425.00 an acre from A. R. Richardson, on behalf of Mission Realty Company of Riviera Beach, Florida.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$425.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mission Realty Company.

OKEECHOBEE County—On January 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$25.00 per lot from Archie Lamb for purchase of Lots 3 and 4, Block "A", Wright's Second

Addition, being a subdivision in Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$25.00 per lot, and notice of sale was published in the Okeechobee News on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that a higher bid of \$100.00 per lot has been made by John Hendrickson of Connersville, Indiana.

Bids were called for and the offer of \$100.00 per lot was the highest bid received for the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$100.00 per lot and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Hendrickson.

MONROE COUNTY—On January 4, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Joe Allen, for purchase of a small mangrove island in Sacarma or Cudjoe Bay, in Section 4, Township 67 South, Range 28 East, known as Gopher Key, and lying southwesterly of Government Lot 1 of said Section 4, Cudjoe Key, containing 2.25 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and objections with a starting offer of \$225.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr Wells reported that no objections have been filed and that he has received three higher bids, one of \$250.00 an acre from Ernest Berger of Tampa, another for \$600.00 from J. Allen Cross of Miami, and another of \$1680.00 for the island from Gary Kelleher of Miami. Bids were called for, starting at \$1,680.00 for the island, with the result that an offer of \$2215.00 was made by Joe Allen for the island.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$2215.00 for the island and confirm sale in favor of Joe Allen.

MONROE COUNTY—On January 17, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre from Walter Rogers, on behalf of client, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Florida Straits in Section 15, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly, easterly and southerly of and adjacent to Little Conch Key, containing 30 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections and competitive bids, starting with \$150.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections have been filed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Walker to the sale of 2.78 acres included in the 30-acre tract. Mr. Walker offers to purchase said parcel at \$150.00 an acre. Mr. Wells recommends that Mr. Walker be allowed to purchase the 2.78 acre parcel at whatever price is bid for the whole tract, which was agreed to.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$240.00 an acre from Walter Rogers, on behalf of client.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$240.00 an acre from Mr. Rogers and confirm sale of the land advertised in favor of his client, less the 2.78 acres, objections to which were filed by Mr. Walker; that Mr. Walker be allowed to purchase the 2.78 acres at the same price bid for the remainder—\$240.00 an acre.

MANATEE COUNTY—On December 6, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$90.00 an acre from Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of client Manuel E. Cowen, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay in Sections 22, 27 and 28, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, lying northerly, westerly and southwesterly of Government Lots 3 and 4 of Section 27 in said township and range, and extending on both sides of the right of way of U. S. Highway 19, State Road No. 55, near the southeasterly end of Sunshine Skyway, the whole containing 480 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and reported that objections have been filed by Mr. Kenneth Ballinger, on behalf of clients, and by Mr. Walter H. Woodward, on behalf of Nina Washburn. Mr. Ballinger asks that consideration of the sale be passed until March 6, 1956, when he can be present and submit objections.

Mr. Wells recommends that sale be consummated in favor of Mr. Fuller at the price agreed upon for all the land to which no objections have been filed, and that consideration of the portion to which objections have been presented be postponed to a later date when all parties will have an opportunity to be heard.

B. M. Shotkin verbally protested sale of the land and offered \$150.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the objection of Mr. Shotkin be disallowed and that his bid be declined as the land is applied for by the upland owner and not subject to competitive bids.

Mr. Doyle E. Carlton and Mr. Fuller stated they are agreeable to consummating sale at this time for that portion of the tract to which no objections are filed, and considering objections to the remainder at a later date.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale to Mr. Fuller at the price agreed upon (\$90.00 an acre) for all of the area in the 480 acres to which no objections have been filed, and that a date be arranged agreeable to Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Woodward for considering protests filed by them. It was so ordered.

DADE COUNTY—On January 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$1,000.00 an acre from Mr. Ben Shepard, on behalf of clients, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian Creek, Section 23, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, lying westerly of and adjacent to Lots 13 to 23, inclusive, of Indian Beach Corporation's Subdivision, containing 1.95 acres, more or less. The Trustees agreed to advertise the land for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and B. M. Shotkin verbally protested the sale and offered \$1,500.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disallow protest and bid from Mr. Shotkin, the land being adjacent to upland ownership and not subject to bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer made and authorize sale of the land described in favor of the following clients of Mr. Shepard:

Lots 13 and 14 to Ralph Lachman and Jean Lachman, his wife;

Lot 15 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16, to Tedland Realty Corporation;

Lot 17 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16, to Gilda Dahlberg and J. N. Morris;

Lots 18 and 19 to Gretchen Vandervoort Schoonmaker;

Lots 20, 21 and 22, to Ethel L. Trees; and

Lot 23 to Wags Transportation System, Inc., a New York Corp.

LEE COUNTY—On January 17, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre from William C. Grimes, on behalf of himself, Otto Witmer, Christine Witmer and E. Glenn Grimes, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sections 20 and 21, Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Sanibel Island, lying northeasterly, easterly and southerly of and adjacent to Government Lots 5 and 6 of said Section 20, and Government Lot 7 of said Section 21, containing 110 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Fort Myers Press on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and B. M. Shotkin verbally protested the sale and offered \$26.00 an acre for the land. Mr. Shotkin was advised that the land was not advertised for competitive bids as the applicant was the adjoining upland owner and entitled to purchase unless valid objections are filed and allowed. Mr. Shotkin's objection was disallowed and the bid declined.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Grimes and associates, at the price offered—\$25.00 per acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On January 10, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Sadie Marie Wiard, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to the South 92.35 feet of the North 2878.3 feet of said Section 16, on Manasota Key, containing 1.68 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale, however, a letter from Mr. Brown states that his client does not wish to proceed with the application until the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County either consents to issuance of the deed without restrictive covenant prohibiting filling, or limits said restriction so that applicant will be able to ascertain the basis upon which the Board will withhold or grant consent to fill.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to pass consideration of Sarasota County sale until information from the Board of County Commissioners can be received as to its recommendation.

MARTIN COUNTY—On January 17, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre from Harry E. Dyer, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Gene T. Dyer, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River, Section 14, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, lying southerly of and adjacent to the East 1828.88 feet of Government Lot 5 of said Section 14, containing 19.97 acres, more or less. The Trustees advertised the land for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Stuart Daily News on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Gene T. Dyer at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On January 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre from John F. Young for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 20, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying easterly of and across South Riverside Drive from Lots 8 and 9, Block 3 of Barr's Subdivision of the Pickett Grant, containing 0.62 of an acre, more or less. The Trustees advertised the land for sale subject to objection only and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 and 17, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Young at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells reported that at the meeting July 26, 1955, Thomas H. Maloney of Cleveland, Ohio, was high bidder for two parcels of land in Collier County, as follows:

Lot 6, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 45.94 acres—Offer of \$101.00 an acre;

Lot 6, Section 3, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 12.13 acres—Offer of \$120.00 an acre.

Mr. Wells asked for authority to cancel this sale, in the event Mr. Maloney does not close the transaction promptly, and give the next highest bidder at said sale the opportunity to purchase if he so desires.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Wells be authorized to cancel the sale in favor of Mr. Maloney unless consummated promptly, and in event of cancellation that the land be readvertised for competitive bids, starting at the high bid at sale in July.

The following applications were submitted for state land:

Collier County—Nolan Popenhagen offers the appraised price of \$10.00 an acre for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 32 East;

Dade County—Jules Pearlman offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre, or \$6,000.00, for the lots owned by the Trustees in West Miami Park Subdivision, Section 26, Township 53 South, Range 39 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land in Collier and Dade Counties for competitive bids, starting at the appraised price of each parcel.

Louis Alsmeyer offers \$100.00 an acre for approximately 4 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Istokpoga, in Section 13, Township 35 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County.

Mr. Elliot explained that sometime ago the Trustees withdrew from sale all lands within the plans of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District for the Kissimmee River drainage basin under request from the District. It will be necessary to take this up with the District.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the application be rejected and inquiry made of the Flood Control District as to whether that area lies within plans proposed for the District.

Applications were presented from upland owners for purchase of submerged areas adjoining their property:

Monroe County—Emmett E. Crowson offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for one acre of submerged land adjoining Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East;

Monroe County—Bernie C. Papy offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 3.90 acres in Section 33, Township 64 South, Range 35 East, and \$300.00 an acre for 7.74 acres in Sections 33 and 34, Township 64 South, Range 35 East;

Monroe County—J. Frank Roberts offers \$125.00 an acre for 3.96 acres of submerged land adjacent to Big Coppitt Key in Township 67 South, Range 26 East—appraised at \$100.00 an acre;

Manatee County—D. G. Haley, on behalf of Dile Realty Corporation, offers the appraised price of \$130.00 an acre for 50.14 acres adjacent to their upland in Section 2, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, and Section 35, Township 33 South, Range 17 East;

Volusia County—Robert H. Matthews, for two clients, offers the appraised price of (1) \$368.00 for 0.92 of an acre in Totem Park, Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East on behalf of H. H. Hatch; and (2) \$100.00 an acre for 0.24 of an acre in Chadwick's Subdivision, Edgewater, on behalf of C. E. Mosher.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the parcels of land in Monroe, Manatee and Volusia Counties, applied for by adjacent upland owners, based on the offers submitted.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Bernie C. Papy, Jr., asks for reconsideration of request for reduction of the appraised price of \$600.00 on 5.83 acres of submerged land on Stock Island, Section 27, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. Applicant offers \$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that this subject be passed and that Mr. Papy be requested to submit evidence that the value of the land is less than the appraisal given.

Mr. Wells states that the City of Dunedin, Florida, has Swamp Deed No. 19077 from the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund conveying Government Lot 3, Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. It now appears that all of Government Lot 3 is sovereignty land and should have been advertised for objections only.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the land for objections only, without cost to the city.

On November 1, 1955, at request of the State Road Department, the Trustees deferred action on application of Walter Collany to purchase approximately 15 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County, pending determination as to location of proposed causeway to Mullet Key. Mr. Collany's application has now been approved by Mr. Wilbur E. Jones, chairman of the State Road Department and also by the Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Land Office secure an appraisal on this parcel and bring back to the Trustees for action.

Florida Development Commission applies for 15 acres of submerged land in Tampa Bay, Section 1, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, including the Old Piney Point Ferry Landing, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to convey to the Florida Development Commission, without cost, the parcel of land applied for, subject to advertisement for objections only, the advertising costs to be paid by applicant.

Leo M. Haskins makes application to dredge sand from the bay bottom in Northwest Channel, about five miles from the Overseas Highway and the City of Key West. The dredging area is not near any inhabited property, will not damage any private or public ownership and will aid in navigation, the sand to be used for concrete and masonry work.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize two year lease in favor of Mr. Haskins upon payment of ten (10) cents per cubic yard.

C. M. Greene, on behalf of Bryant McLendon and J. A. Tedder, offers \$300.00 for a five-year farm lease on sovereignty land between east edge of old Everglades Drainage District levee and the right of

way of the U. S. Levee, lying west of State Lot 14, Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, Palm Beach County, containing 12 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year farm lease in favor of Messrs. McLendon and Tedder covering the land described, at the price offered.

Board of County Commissioners of Glades County request renewal of Easement No. 777 to Glades County, which expires March 23, 1956. The county desires a five-year extension of the lease covering 50 acres in Section 22, Township 42 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year extension as requested by Glades County.

The Board of County Commissioners of Marion County requests permit to construct a canal connecting two parts of Lake Kerr, located in Township 13 South, Range 25 East, Marion County, so there will be access from one part of the lake to another during the existing low water stage in the lake.

Mr. Elliot reported that Lake Kerr is a meandered, navigable body of water and he recommends that the request of the county be granted subject to conditions in the permit that will protect the lake and the interest of the public.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, subject to certain conditions for protection of the lake and the public's interest therein.

Florida Power Corporation, St. Petersburg, Florida, makes application for permission to take water from Lake Lotela for condensation purposes in the operation of the Company's Avon Park Steam Electric Plant.

Mr. Paul Shelley, representing Florida Power Corporation, was present and asked that the Trustees consider request from his client covered in letter to Governor Collins under date of February 17, 1956, which has reference to allowing water to be taken from the lakes in Polk, Lake and Highlands Counties. He stated that his client has information that request has been made that the Trustees allow citrus growers and cattlemen to divert and utilize water from the lakes in said counties for emergency purposes. The Power Company requests that when this matter is considered by the Trustees that careful consideration be given to problems of industrial concerns such as theirs. They urge that no general permission be given to take water from the lakes without certain restrictions and especially that the water in Lake Lotela not be diverted as any lowering of the water would probably cause a power shortage at their plant. The

letter states that the lake is below the critical point at this time, and the problem is to maintain the level of the lake at a certain point and any further diversion of water could cause curtailment or possibly closing down of operations at that plant; that should the Trustees consider adopting a policy of allowing water to be taken from the lakes in that area, their company would like to be advised.

Mr. Shelley further stated that in the operations of his company the water comes into the plant from the lake for cooling purposes and is then returned to the lake, and does not deplete the supply of water in the lake level, while use for irrigation purposes to any extent would mean lowering the water level.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission to Florida Power Corporation for using water from Lake Lotela, in Highlands County, for condensation purposes at its power plant located at the lake, the water to be returned to the lake, and that in any plans by the Trustees for allowing agricultural use of the lake water provision against lowering the level of the lake be taken into consideration.

Mr. Cody Fowler, Attorney of Tampa, Florida, on behalf of the Gulf Oil Corporation, requests that the Trustees adopt a resolution, granting extension till March 1, 1959 of certain leases held by his clients.

Conditions of the proposed resolution were discussed and it was explained that during the period of the litigation by the United States, involving tide lands of the States of California, Louisiana and Texas, and by implication those of Florida, the oil companies having leases on certain water areas were unable to carry on operations; and during this litigation Coastal Petroleum Company was granted abatement of rentals and the time of lease expiration was extended for the period of litigation.

Mr. Fowler stated that his company was not and would not ask for abatement of rentals but will make all payments as they come due, but they do feel they are entitled to extension of time as requested.

Upon inquiry from Attorney General Ervin as to whether any water areas except those out in the Gulf are involved in the request for extension, Mr. Fowler replied that a few bays and sounds are included but the acreage is so small in comparison that it is negligible.

Mr. Ervin expressed the view that the Trustees would be willing to go along with request affecting tide lands as they were in confusion in the California case, but should not give extension on those areas not submerged. He inquired as to whether the applicants are asking the Trustees to give any concessions not involved in the suit. Mr. Fowler stated that they are not.

Mr. Elliot stated that the California case as decided by the United States Supreme Court had reference to offshore waters and it appears that the opinion of the Court undertook to distinguish between offshore areas and what are called inland waters, defined as bays,

sounds, lagoons and outermost islands; that many of the leases include offshore waters and also bays, sounds, etc.; that he does not think there could be a distinction on the line but a line could be agreed upon affecting the offshore waters. Mr. Elliot further stated that the United States has raised the question as to where the boundaries of Florida extend, and it is possible some of the areas in the leases under consideration may be outside of the boundaries of the State of Florida and that no responsibility should be placed upon the Trustees for attempting to maintain those boundaries in the state.

Mr. Fowler agreed that only those areas within the territorial boundaries of the state will be considered as being affected by the resolution.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he wanted to be sure that the plea of the applicant covered only the situation created by the tidelands case and did not enlarge it to cover other areas not involved in those waters; that the Trustees want to be careful not to grant extension of areas that would not have been involved in the California case; that he understands that the submerged land act makes provision for the confusion to lessees and allows for extension to be granted because of that period when the tidelands were in dispute.

Summing up the proposal, the Trustees' understanding is that the extension will include only those areas affected by the tidelands case, that there will be no abatement of rentals due under said leases, and that no liability will be upon the Trustees affecting any drilling block or part thereof, lying outside of the territorial boundaries of the State of Florida.

Upon being asked for his recommendation, Mr. Elliot stated that he recommends the request be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried, that the following resolution be adopted:

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, a mineral lease contract was entered into between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida and William G. Blanchard dated February 27, 1943 with regard to the exploration and development for oil, gas and other minerals of certain lands located in the State of Florida, which contract was in lieu of and superceded a contract between the same parties dated October 4, 1941; and

WHEREAS, by contract dated March 3, 1943 the said Blanchard, with the approval and consent of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, conveyed to J. P. Scranton an undivided $\frac{3}{4}$ ths interest in and to the said contract of February 27, 1943 and by contract dated October 20, 1945 the said Scranton and his wife, Alma Victoria Scranton, conveyed such $\frac{3}{4}$ ths interest to Gulf Oil Corporation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said contract of February 27, 1943 certain oil, gas and mineral leases provided for therein, numbered

826A to and including 826Z, and 826AA and 826BB, dated September 18, 1951, were executed and delivered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as lessor, in favor of Gulf Oil Corporation, as lessee, the forms, terms and conditions of such leases being in accordance with a form of lease attached to said contract of February 27, 1943 and marked Exhibit "A", each lease covering a separate "Drilling Block" as provided for in such contract; and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States having decided in suits brought against California, Texas and Louisiana that the Federal government had paramount rights in, full dominion and power over the lands and minerals in the marginal sea extending from the line of ordinary low water and from the seaward limits of inland waters; and the Congress of the United States having enacted a statute designated as the "Submerged Lands Acts", approved May 22, 1953, granting title to, and ownership of, the lands beneath navigable waters within the respective states and the natural resources in such lands and waters to such states, subject to certain conditions with respect to mineral lessees holding leases granted by any state, Gulf Oil Corporation claims that under the provisions of said Federal statute the original terms of said mineral leases, which would otherwise terminate September 18, 1956, having been extended to the 1st day of March, 1959, and has filed a petition requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund recognize and confirm the rights so claimed; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, after full consideration, have concluded that the claim made by Gulf Oil Corporation is well founded and believe that affirmative recognition thereof as requested would benefit the state by encouraging further exploration and development for minerals of lands owned by the state and covered by said oil, gas and mineral leases; and

WHEREAS, Gulf Oil Corporation has in good faith complied with its obligations under the provisions of the contract and leases referred to above.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida that the claim set forth in the petition of Gulf Oil Corporation is meritorious and should be approved and, accordingly, they do hereby recognize and acknowledge that the original terms of those certain oil, gas and mineral leases heretofore referred to as Leases Nos. 826A to 826Z, both inclusive, and 826AA and 826BB, dated September 18, 1951, executed and delivered by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State of Florida, as lessor, to Gulf Oil Corporation, as lessee, in accordance with the terms and conditions and in the form prescribed by said contract of February 27, 1943, under the conditions and provisions of the Submerged Lands Act, the provisions of the contract pursuant to which said leases were executed, the provisions of said leases, and other pertinent circumstances, should be and are effectively extended to the 1st day of March, 1959; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no liability shall be upon the said Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund with reference

to any drilling block or part thereof under said leases which may be found to be outside of the territorial boundaries of the State of Florida.

Mr. Anderson Bouchelle of New Smyrna Beach and a delegation of citizens from that area presented application to the Trustees for conveyance of approximately one thousand (1000) acres of marsh land adjoining property owned by Mr. Bouchelle and others in Volusia County. They explained that they have a pledge from a group with considerable capital to develop this area, build homes, provide school sites and offer to any church a parcel of land at what it cost plus cost of the fill. It was further stated that 96% of other upland owners have been contacted and they are in favor of the land being sold, the proposal being that 200 feet will be offered to said owners at the price for which it is obtained from the state. The United States holds permanent spoil area easement through a portion of this land.

Applicants offer \$50,000.00 for the tract of 1000 acres, more or less.

The Trustees advised Mr. Bouchelle that the land adjacent to upland ownership will have to be advertised for objections only and the remainder for competitive bids.

Mr. Bouchelle called attention to a sale held March 4, 1952, at which he was high bidder for 170 acres of land but took contract for only 54 acres; that he has paid for this parcel at the rate of \$100.00 per acre. Later it developed that the advertisement was published in the wrong paper and in January 1955 the 54 acres were readvertised to perfect title. Mr. Bouchelle asks that he be allowed to take contract to purchase the remaining 116 acres.

Attorney General Ervin stated that he could see no reason why Mr. Bouchelle should not be allowed to complete purchase of the land advertised for sale in 1952, at the same rate—\$100.00 an acre; that the new areas applied for with an offer of \$50,000.00 should be treated in two categories: (1) that the submerged areas adjoining upland owners' holdings be advertised for objections only, and (2) that the remaining acreage applied for be advertised for competitive bids, starting with a price to be arrived at by apportioning the total offer of \$50,000.00 to the respective acreage represented by the two classifications of land.

It was also recommended that Mr. Rees Williams, Assistant Engineer, go to New Smyrna Beach and examine the whole area and check with the applicants as to amount of land which is adjacent to upland ownership and subject to advertisement for objections only, and the acreage to be advertised for competitive bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Bouchelle be allowed to complete purchase of the land which he did not take under contract pursuant to sale of March 4, 1952 (116 acres) at the price agreed upon, \$100.00 an acre, subject to advertising for objections only, conditioned that he is the owner of the upland; that as to the application presented today with offer

of \$50,000.00, the applicants furnish the Trustees with information as to the number of acres of submerged land adjoining upland ownership which is subject to advertising for objections only; also furnish description and acreage of the remainder of the tract which will necessarily have to be advertised for competitive bids; the total offer to be pro-rated according to the acreage of each classification of land; and Mr. Williams to make examination of the property and report back to the Trustees; also the government spoil area to be taken into consideration.

It is understood that the city will secure waivers or consent of all upland owners for conveyance of the submerged lands adjoining their upland property, signifying approval of the proposed improvement by the group represented.

Mr. Elliot presented application from W. J. Smith of Winter Haven, Florida, for permission to pump sand from the bottom of Lake Eloise, Polk County. It is estimated that it will require approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sand and applicant agrees that the shore line will not be changed or altered, that no pumping will be done nearer the shore than one hundred feet or to water depth of ten (10) feet, whichever be the greater distance from the shore, that slopes of the lake bottom will be protected, and that the material will be placed on applicant's property, being 5 acres in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 26 East, Polk County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Mr. Smith for pumping sand from the lake under proper protection and conditions as outlined by Mr. Elliot, payment to be at the usual rate per cubic yard.

Mr. Herman Ulmer of the law firm of Adair, Ulmer, Murchison, Kent and Ashby, Jacksonville, Florida, on behalf of Huckins, Merritt and Payne, requests that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed to that part of Government Lot 8 lying south of the ordinary high water mark of the south shore of St. Johns River, near the eastern end of Fulton-Dames Point Cut-Off, containing 1.16 acres, more or less, in Sections 47, 49, 50, also 29, in Township 1 South, Range 28 East, Duval County, being a strip 75 feet wide by approximately 400 feet long. The parcel is a part of the tract granted by the Spanish Crown April 3, 1816, to Andrew Atkinson, and all except the parcel described has been granted to the United States for St. Johns River improvement.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees have no interest or equity in the land and recommends quitclaim deed be issued to applicants.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Ulmer's client, subject to approval by the Attorney General.

Mr. Elliot reported that numerous requests have come in from the Miami area and elsewhere, asking that any hearing on the subject of Everglades National Park be held in Miami.

Consideration of this subject was passed to some future meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of an electric typewriter, with trade in of an old machine, for use by Miss Bonnie Shelfer in the Land Division of the Trustees.

Mr. Elliot stated that he is making a study of meandered lakes in Florida and will furnish the Trustees with a report embodying the following phases:

1. Taking water from the lake and returning water back to the lake;
 2. Improving shore line of lakes;
 3. Taking material from lake bottoms for filling adjoining uplands; and
 4. Taking water from the lake with no provision for returning it, such as for groves, cattle and other agricultural uses.
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SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 634 listing 53 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding to said bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$35.00 to Godfrey Priester as reimbursement for land conveyed by Murphy Act Palm Beach County Deed No. 3488, information having been furnished that the parcel comprises proposed right of way plan by Lake Worth Drainage District for Boynton Canal, Palm Beach County. Refund is to be conditioned upon execution of quitclaim deed from Mr. Priester to Lake Worth Drainage District.

Two applications are presented from former owners for conveyance under provisions of Chapter 28317 of 1953—the Hardship Act—of land in Sarasota County. Each party has complied with the law and offers the state an amount equal to the base bid required in regular sales.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance under Chapter 28317 as follows:

J. L. Mink—N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, Township 36 South, Range 18 East—20 acres—\$100.00;

Eugene Randolph—Lot 2, Block "C", Newton Heights, Section 7, Township 36 South, Range 18 East—\$7.50.

The City of Live Oak offers \$762.50 which is equal to the base bid, for deed conveying seven acres (7) of land and three lots, all being in Section 23, Township 2 South, Range 13 East, Suwannee County. The city foreclosed on these lots but failed to make the state party to the suit and title under Chapter 18296 is still held by the state.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$762.50 and authorize conveyance under Chapter 21684 of 1943, to the City of Live Oak of the parcels described.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Citrus, Franklin, Pinellas, Putnam and Taylor Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state by virtue of said certificates.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 6, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported that Mr. Thomas H. Horobin is asking for conveyance of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 13; all of Sections 14 and 23, Township 58 South, Range 40 East (Arsnicker Keys), all in Dade County, Florida. In payment for this land Mr. Horobin desires to apply credits he claims to have with the Trustees dating back to August 11, 1925, when he deposited with the Trustees \$33,200.00 on the purchase of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18, Township 57 South, Range 39 East, containing 80.78 acres, more or less, in Dade County, which he later reconveyed to the Trustees, and another credit of \$23,700.00 as payment on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11, Township

57 South, Range 39 East, containing 240 acres, more or less, in Dade County. The latter parcel was also reconveyed to the Trustees at the same time as the first parcel.

Mr. Wells explained that the records in the Land Office do not reflect whether or not Mr. Horobin ever received credit of these amounts on other lands, but there is also no record that refund was ever made to Mr. Horobin of these amounts.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that in view of Mr. Horobin's delay in making request for settlement of these claims, and in the absence of proof that said amounts were not credited to other purchases, the Trustees do not have legal authority to allow such claims. The request is therefore denied.

Mr. Lloyd Campbell, on behalf of Laycock Brevard Company, offers \$500.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less, Brevard County, adjoining upland property of applicant. The Trustees have an appraisal of \$750.00 an acre on this parcel.

Mr. Wells recommends the price of \$500.00 an acre which is in line with values in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only based on the offer of \$500.00 an acre.

Claude S. Ginn offers \$15.00 an acre for 60 acres of land in Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, Dixie County, on which the Trustees have an appraisal of \$25.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees make a counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids starting at the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre.

Jay B. Haviser offers \$50.00 for that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, Polk County, which lies out of the water. Information is that applicant has an interest in a part of the land above water and plans to use the area as a recreational site.

Mr. Wells explained that there are 30 acres within the lake, which was patented to the state as land, and there are 42 acres of land out of water; that in the event of sale a restriction should be included in the deed requiring that a right of way for public use of the lake be maintained at all times.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the parcel for competitive bids, starting at the offer of \$50.00, with restriction to be placed in the deed for access to the lake as recommended by Mr. Wells.

Henry P. Boggs makes application to purchase the abandoned lighthouse at Volusia Bar, Lake George, Volusia County, to be used for recreational purposes for the Flotilla, or individual members and their families, also as a rendezvous for other flotillas on the St. Johns River. He would like to clear a channel from the lighthouse to the end of the jetties. He makes a counter proposal to lease at \$5.00 per annum should the Trustees not desire to sell.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land and lighthouse and make counter proposal to authorize a five-year lease in favor of Mr. Boggs upon payment of \$25.00 per annum, the lease to contain the automatic cancellation clause.

The following applications were presented with reference to Little Lake Weir and Lake Weir in Marion County, Florida:

1. Mrs. Willa B. Anderson, who owns 200 feet lake front on Little Lake Weir requests permission to pump sand to fill a boggy area, about 50' x 100' beyond a channel which she had dredged, and connect it to the mainland by a bridge;
2. F. D. H. McKenzie makes application to purchase marsh land lying between his mainland property and the open water of Lake Weir. He owns Government Lot 1, Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 23 East, and expects to dredge a channel or series of channels in front of his upland property and build up the land with the spoil taken from the channels.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Rees Williams be requested to look into the two applications and make his recommendations.

Mr. Edgar John Phillips, on behalf of Indian Bluff Realty Company, offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for 36.7 acres of submerged land surrounding his upland property on Indian Bluff Island, in Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer of \$125.00 an acre.

Mr. Leo M. Butler, on behalf of the City of Dunedin, Florida, makes application for a tract of submerged land extending from the City of Dunedin to Caladesia Island, for the purpose of constructing a causeway thereon. The land lies in Township 28 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. Request is also made that additional lands, possibly 200 feet in width, both northerly and southerly of the above tract, be granted to the City of Dunedin from which to secure fill necessary in the construction of the causeway.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees agree to grant the request, subject to the parcel being advertised for objections only as required by law, the

deed to contain the public purpose clause, and no charge to be made for the land.

Mr. Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of client, recently made application for a strip of submerged land running along the shore for a distance of approximately 5½ miles from Bowles Creek northerly to a point south of the intersection of Cortez Road and Palma Sola Road, Manatee County. A price of \$100.00 an acre was suggested by the Land Agent, the land to be advertised for objections only. Mr. Carlton advises that his client will offer \$75.00 an acre for the property.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees make counter proposal to advertise the land for objections only upon receipt of offer of \$100.00 an acre from applicant.

The State Road Department makes application for perpetual easement across submerged lands of Braden River for right of way, and a temporary four-year easement for dredging area, in Section 29, Township 34 South, Range 18 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the request of the State Road Department be granted for right of way and temporary easement necessary in connection with State Road No. 64, Section 1305-(175)-106.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests that fee simple title be conveyed to said district to 8.4 acres of land in Sections 21 and 22, Township 47 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County, for construction purposes.

It was explained that this land is included in purchase contract No. 19025 to J. E. Price. Mr. Price has consented to conveyance of the parcel and the consideration of \$1,257.64 to be paid by the District will be credited to the upland balance on said contract.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request from Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, and upon payment by the district of \$1,257.64 that Contract No. 19025 of Mr. Price be credited with said amount.

Mr. Harry Lee makes application to remove 440 cubic yards of fill material from Lake Sebring, Highlands County, to be placed on low lake front lots in Lake Sebring Subdivision.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize removal of the material applied for upon payment of \$22.00, conditioned that if complaints are made to taking the material, Mr. Lee will immediately stop operations.

Crane Company requests permission of the Trustees to assign their Mineral Lease No. 930-A to Heavy Minerals Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve assignment of Lease No. 930-A as requested, assignee to assume all of the terms and conditions of said lease.

Mrs. Sophie Smith makes application for renewal of Campsite Lease No. 919 from October 30, 1956 to October 30, 1957, for which renewal she offers \$100.00. The land lies in Section 18, Township 59 South, Range 40 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension as requested by Mrs. Smith upon payment of \$100.00.

Without objection consideration was passed on application from Bessemer Properties, Inc., for extension of Grazing Lease No. 302 on Lake Jackson, Leon County, which expired February 27, 1956.

Carl A. Norberg offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for Government Lot 2, Section 23, Government Lots 1 and 2 in Section 14, and Government Lot 2 in Section 13, all in Township 46 South, Range 22 East, Lee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the lots for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$150.00 an acre.

Governor Collins discussed with the board the situation with reference to dredging and filling of lakes and submerged areas under the jurisdiction of the Trustees, the effect on private ownerships and change in the natural boundary line of the shore. With the continuing increase in population in Florida it is necessary to make long range plans, and some bad legislation has been passed limiting the authority of the Trustees in the submerged areas. A great deal could be accomplished through investigation by a group of citizens as a committee to look into all phases of land administration and recommend to the Trustees a standard policy to be pursued if approved for future handling, and it will be necessary to give such committee financial support for engaging engineering and legal assistance to make the over-all survey and present a complete picture of the state's land resources and possibilities with suggestions for legislation for carrying out the plans.

Governor Collins suggested a commission of five men from various parts of the state with authority to engage necessary assistants, giving the commission the responsibility of making a complete survey of the state lands and recommending practices and policies in respect to dealing with land and water areas.

Mr. Mayo remarked that the idea was all right, but that it might be a long drawn out operation and rather expensive as there are some

thirty thousand lakes and rivers in Florida and a rather extensive coast line. The policy now is to let each case stand on its own merit with respect to location, considering rights of adjacent owners and the interest of the public, and he feels the Trustees should not delegate authority to other agencies for passing on these matters.

Governor Collins explained that he did not contemplate that this commission would decide the policies, and the Trustees will continue to pass on each case and make all decisions, but the idea is to have a study made for an over-all, long range program, and get recommendations from the Commission for a definite plan for consideration by the Trustees.

Attorney General Ervin pointed out the authority the Trustees have to convey submerged areas; that all the Trustees can do is to sell or decline to sell; and what rights the upland owners have as to filling and how far out. The Trustees have no police authority over filling. The United States Engineers furnish the Trustees with notice of applications to fill and the board has the right to protest the filling. It would be helpful to have further study made of this situation, looking toward legislation granting legal authority to govern filling of submerged areas.

Mr. Elliot explained the procedure for selling submerged areas and the lack of authority to govern filling of such land. The only control the Trustees have is through cooperation of the U. S. Engineers in sending notices of applications to fill, and Florida badly needs legislation providing a water code.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin that the Governor appoint a citizens committee to work with Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells in making an investigation of the interests of the state in submerged land, coastal areas, lakes, rivers and bays, wherever it appears the interest of the Trustees could be subject to policy, and looking toward setting up regulations and new legislation that might be appropriate in order to supply the control the State now lacks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and adopted.

Governor Collins asked that each member of the Trustees suggest the name of a person to be a member of the committee, and stated that his idea is that this commission make a study of the subject and recommend to the Trustees law reforms for setting up permanent plans for controlling and protecting the coast line, lakes, bays and water fronts of the state.

Mr. Elliot submitted form of permit to Florida Power Corporation for taking circulating cooling water from Lake Lotela, at Avon Park, in Highlands County, and read conditions to be included in permit. On February 28, 1956, the Trustees agreed to issue permit for this purpose. Assistant Attorney General John Moriarty is of the opinion that it is not necessary for permit to be issued where the water is returned to the lake; there is no objection to issuance of the permit, and terminology of proposed permit is approved.

Mr. Paul Shelley, representing Florida Power Corporation, was present and upon being asked if he had any objections to the terms of the permit, he requested copy of the instrument to submit to his clients for examination. Copy was furnished Mr. Shelley for taking up with his company.

In discussion of consideration to be paid for the permit, annual payment of \$100.00 was suggested.

Without objection action was deferred pending examination of the permit by Florida Power Corporation.

Mr. Elliot requested authority to furnish certified copy of a resolution adopted by the Trustees February 28, 1956, in favor of Gulf Oil Corporation, having reference to oil and gas Leases 826A to 826Z, both inclusive, and 826AA and 826BB, the complete minutes for that date not being ready for approval.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be authorized to furnish certified copy as requested.

Mr. Elliot presented a number of letters, cards, telegrams and petitions from the Miami area protesting the leasing of any areas of city owned land in Watson Park.

Without objection, consideration of this subject was passed to a future meeting.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 635 was presented, listing one (1) regular bid for purchase of Murphy Act land; also Indian River County Deeds No. 961-Cor. and 965-Cor. to J. Douglas Baker, Marion S. Baker, Ralph Harris and Bessie Dean Harris, and Sarasota County Deed No. 1355-B to Robert S. Baynard, all for the purpose of correcting errors in original deeds. The Attorney General's Office has approved issuance of the corrective deeds.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve report No. 635 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 13, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
 Ray E. Green, Comptroller
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 A. R. Williams, Acting Land Agent

The following sales were advertised to be held on this date, the land having been applied for by adjoining upland owners.

BREVARD COUNTY—On January 31, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Lloyd Campbell, on behalf of the City of Cocoa, St. Marks Episcopal Church, Frances Porcher Bowles, Trustee, Earl Brockington, Peggy Bruen Siegener, J. V. D'Albora and Annena Daniel McGriff, S. F. Travis Co., Inc., and Louis Fischer, D. J. Gibbons, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River, in Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Lot 1 of Sander's Addition to Cocoa; Lots A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J of Assessor's Plat; Lots 1 to 10 inclusive, Block "A" of Delannoy's Addition to City of Cocoa, and Willard, King, Harrison and Church Streets of Dellanoy's Avenue as platted in above subdivision, said parcel containing 12.9 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Titusville Star Advocate on February 10, 17, 24, March 2 and 9, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of owners of privately owned land at the price bid—\$500.00 an acre—and that conveyance without cost be made to the City of Cocoa and to the St. Marks Episcopal Church for the parcels applied for, with reversionary clause to be made a part of the deeds in the event the land should be used for other purposes than for the public and for the church.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY—On January 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$30.00 an acre from Earl D. Farr, on behalf of Florida West Coast Land Company, for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land in the Myakka River and Charlotte Harbor, in Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 41 South, Range 21 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Fractional Sections 3, 10 and 11 of Township 41 South, Range 21 East, contain-

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ing 337.6 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections to the sale were presented by Mr. Clyde Wilson, on behalf of clients, Fern and Beulah Conway, who claim ownership of a portion of the land by deed dated in 1945 from the state under the Murphy Act.

Upon discussion of the protest, it was agreed that a legal question was involved and it was suggested that the sale be deferred pending opinion from the Attorney General on the questions, after conferring with Mr. Wilson and Mr. Elliot. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Mr. Farr and Mr. Wilson were assured that no definite action will be taken one way or the other without opportunity being given for applicant and objector to be heard.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On January 17, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from R. E. Lowrey, Jr., on behalf of Helen Brown, Leon Chapman and Harold A. Shafer, for purchase of two parcels of land, described as (1) a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to the south 88.6 feet of the north 177.2 feet of Government Lot 4 of said Section 22, containing 2.7 acres, more or less, and (2) a parcel of submerged land in Lemon Bay, Section 35, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, lying north-easterly of and adjacent to the south 400 feet of the north 500 feet of Government Lot 3 of said Section 35, containing 14.8 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Sarasota Herald on February 10, 17, 24, March 2 and 9, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and statement made that the three applicants have stated it is satisfactory to have a covenant placed in the deed prohibiting the filling of the property without first securing written consent of the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County. No protests were filed to the sale.

Mr. Williams stated that a 1500 foot fairway for intra-coastal waterway is being laid out in that area, and also, the county is in process of establishing a bulkhead line and no sales will extend beyond that line.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Lowrey's clients at the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre.

Mr. Williams presented form of covenant prepared by the Attorney General's Office to be used in Sarasota County deeds.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the covenant in the following form for inclusion in Sarasota County deeds where necessary to include such restriction:

The above described lands are hereby conveyed upon the expressed condition that neither the said lands, nor any part thereof, may be filled in or dredged out unless and until the written consent of the Board of County Commissioners of the county wherein the said lands lie shall have been had and obtained (including written consents heretofore had and obtained). Said consent shall be obtained at some open regular, or properly called special, meeting of the said Board of County Commissioners. This condition shall run with the lands hereby conveyed and shall be binding upon the grantee and those claiming by, through or under him. Any breach of the foregoing condition shall cause said lands to revert to the grantors, or their successors, to the extent of the lands filled in or dredged out without the consent required as aforesaid.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY—On January 17, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$50.00 an acre from Arthur P. Byal, on behalf of North Beach Development, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tucker's Cove and the Indian River, in Sections 35 and 36, Township 34 South, Range 40 East, lying southerly and easterly of and adjacent to Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of said Section 35, and Government Lots 2, 3 and 6 of said Section 36, containing 71.4 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Fort Pierce Star on February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 1, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and objections were filed by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Lucie County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action be deferred on the sale, pending hearing on objections filed.

Mr. Harry Lee makes application to dredge two hundred (200) yards of fill material from Lake Letta, Highlands County, to be placed on Lots 1 and 2, Stump Addition Subdivision, for which he offers five cents per cubic yard.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to authorize permit in favor of Mr. Lee for taking material from the lake as requested, said permit to be subject to certain conditions for protection of the lake against altering the normal shore line.

Request was presented from the National Audubon Society for five year extension of Lease No. 438, which expired February 5, 1956, covering an area in Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of the lease as re-

quested, subject to an automatic cancellation clause being included in said extension.

The State Road Department makes application for perpetual easement across Wares Creek, City of Bradenton, Manatee County, for use in connection with State Road No. 64—Sec. 1315-101 (175).

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement as requested by the State Road Department.

Fletcher G. Rush, on behalf of Mary H. Dale and Neil E. Dale, husband and wife, and Edward H. Vick and Jeannette C. Vick, husband and wife, makes application to purchase 10.9 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Apopka, Section 11, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Orange County. Applicants offer \$300.00 an acre, which is the price charged for similar land on Lake Conway in the same county.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offers for the land on Lake Apopka and authorize conveyance without advertising.

Harry A. Johnston, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, makes application for conveyance of right of way for Airport road on the South 100 feet of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County. Request is that no charge be made for the land as it will be used for public road purposes.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the right of way requested.

Howard E. Wilson offers the appraised price of \$1500.00 an acre, or \$855.00 for 0.57 of an acre of submerged land on Dredgers Key, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. Applicant is the adjoining upland owner.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the parcel advertised for objections only based on offer of \$1500.00 an acre.

Mr. William R. Neblett, on behalf of Thompson Estate, makes application to purchase an additional 30.21 acres of submerged land adjacent to their recent purchase in Cow Key Channel, Townships 67 and 68 South, Range 25 East, Monroe County. Information furnished is that land adjacent to this parcel sold for \$200.00 an acre, which is a reduction from the appraised price.

Mr. Williams stated that it is recommended that the area be reduced to 22.18 acres so that the line will not extend beyond the

end of Cow Key. This reduction is satisfactory with Mr. Neblett and his clients.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on a price of \$200.00 an acre, with the acreage cut back as recommended—not to extend beyond the end of Cow Key.

Franklin J. Kalteux offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for approximately 12 acres of submerged land in Tavernier Creek adjacent to his property on Plantation Key, Sections 4 and 5, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer of \$100.00 an acre.

The City of Key West, Florida, makes application for conveyance without cost of 11.48 acres of submerged or tidal land lying southerly of the most southern tip of the Island of Key West, the said land to be used for a recreational area and beach site.

It was explained that the upland is owned by the United States and it is the policy of the Trustees to make conveyance of submerged areas only to the adjoining upland owner, unless permission is given by said upland owner for other parties to acquire. Senator William Neblett of Key West stated that he does not think there will be any difficulty in obtaining consent from the Navy Department as the city's colored beach was taken over by the Federal Government.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the submerged area for objections only and that copy of the notice be sent to the Naval Air Station at Key West.

A hearing was set for this date to hear interested parties in reference to sale of 480 acres of submerged land in Manatee County, located at the lower end of the Sunshine Skyway, applied for by W. P. Fuller and Doyle E. Carlton on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen and associates. Mr. William H. Woodward of Bradenton and Kenneth Ballinger of Tallahassee protested the sale on behalf of their clients.

Governor Collins reported that he has received a message from Mr. Carlton that he and Mr. Fuller will be delayed in reaching Tallahassee, as weather conditions prevented flying schedules from Tampa, and asked that the meeting be held during the afternoon.

Upon discussion of the subject, it was agreed that since the question appears to involve legal determination, all interested parties may confer with the Attorney General this afternoon and if it is deemed necessary to have further action by the board, that a tentative meeting be fixed for the following morning—Wednesday—at 9:30 o'clock. It was so ordered.

Attorney General Richard W. Ervin presented letter from Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Director National Park Service, dated January 30, 1956, as follows:

Jan. 30, 1956

Hon. Richard W. Ervin
Attorney General of State of Florida
Tallahassee, Florida

My dear Mr. Ervin:

On January 18, you and Mr. Fred Elliot, Secretary and Engineer for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, came to my office as official representatives of the State of Florida to discuss boundaries for the completion of Everglades National Park. The meeting was attended also by Senator Holland and his assistant Mr. Golden, Congressman Fascell, Mr. O'Keefe, representing Senator Smathers, Mr. M. C. Fuller, representing Congressman Haley, State Senator Neblett, and others from the State and members of my staff. This letter is to record my understanding of the discussion and to give you the National Park Services position upon what we all hope will be a final decision on the park boundaries.

You read to us your instructions from Governor LeRoy Collins which included five specific points:

1. That the permanent boundaries include a western corridor "with a land area adequate to meet the reasonable needs of providing such a corridor but embracing only a minimum area required for this purpose."
2. That such permanent boundaries exclude lands in Dade County southwest of Homestead which are now being developed for agricultural purposes. Several thousand acres are included in this section which is referred to as "The Hole in the Doughnut" because of the shape of the general area.
3. That such permanent boundaries exclude any other lands on the north and east sides which are suitable for agriculture development and are not essential for reasonable park purposes.
4. That the permanent boundaries also exclude all lands in the northwest section which are not required to be utilized in the western corridor.
5. That those lands known as the Patten Tract which are not included in the western corridor and have been previously conveyed to the Federal Government to be given back to the State together with any other such lands already acquired by the Government which aren't needed for permanent boundaries.

Two maps are enclosed. One is entitled "Gulf Coast Area" (NP-EVE, 2185) which shows only the northwestern area including the Ten Thousand Islands and the area between them and the park boundary as it existed until 1950 in the Lostmans

River country. The second map (NP-EVE 7065) is a Base Map of the entire park.

On the map, NP-EVE 2185, we have placed the boundary line suggested by Mr. Fred Elliot as the minimum final boundary for Everglades National Park required to meet the reasonable need for this portion of the park. It was acknowledged by all that the headwaters of the rivers and the country from there southwesterly to and including a portion of the Gulf of Mexico are necessary for very important reasons. The area includes a connected, sheltered waterway, the important and biologically fertile river headwaters used as bird feeding grounds and by other wildlife. It also includes the large Duck Rock rookery and roost and the contiguous mangrove coastline.

Since our conference, we have received the advice of professional biologists who know this area intimately and they recommend that the tentative final boundary include more of the wet prairie lands at the headwaters of the rivers, which are essential feeding grounds for the great concentrations of birds along the western side of the park. I have shown this additional area in green on the enclosed map and I strongly urge that you adopt this as a reasonable and essential modification of the line proposed by Mr. Elliot.

We have also shown on the map the suggestion that the park boundary be restricted to the two instead of the three-mile limit from shore along both the proposed gulf coastline and the area already included in the park to a point two miles south of East Cape Sable as shown on NP-EVE 7065. The consensus was that this would not impair the park. It should be noted that all islands along the Gulf Coast within the area now proposed for the park will be included in the park as well as the littoral water zone which relates to the ecology of this section.

I have tried very conscientiously to appraise again the importance of the lands in so-called Tract 4 to the park at the present time and in the future. I am referring, of course, to those lands not at present in the park and lying in Townships 58 South and 59 South, Ranges 36 East and 37 East. As you know, we have no wish to disturb or restrict the agricultural economy of Dade, or other counties.

Although we have previously recommended that all of these lands should be acquired for inclusion in the park, we will be receptive to any reasonable arrangement whereby the area of Tract 4 can continue to be developed and used for agricultural purposes not endangering the park.

I would, therefore, be agreeable to the area remaining as a private inholding inside the park boundary as long as the land is used for agricultural purposes only. For the protection of the park, however, I feel that this Service must retain the right to acquire any or all of these lands by whatever authority may be available, if the lands are put to any use other than agriculture that would be detrimental to the park.

My reason for maintaining this position is that in certain other national parks comparable areas of privately owned land have been

subdivided and turned into towns inside the park boundaries, with innumerable problems resulting, such as policing, sanitation, zoning, etc., with consequent impairment of the parks and interference with public enjoyment of them. I do not feel that I can agree not to take all reasonable and proper action to prevent that kind of situation within the Everglades National Park.

I feel that some of the lands in the north half of Township 59 South, Range 37 East, do not possess any significant agricultural potentialities, but they do have a direct relationship to the preservation of natural conditions in the adjacent park lands. I refer to the natural, fresh water drainageway of a large slough which passes east of Paradise Key in the Royal Palm section of the park (in which is situated the popular Anhinga Trail).

In our discussions, we explored the possibilities of releasing additional lands from the park for agricultural or other use, particularly the lands in Township 56 South, Range 37 East, in Dade County. It was the consensus of the conference that releasing these lands, in Township 56 South, Range 37 East, residual area of the "Patten" tract, and the one-mile strip of submerged lands in the Gulf of Mexico, to the State would help to compensate the State for the conveyance of its lands within the proposed new boundary.

The settlement of these problems in one "package" at this time, as you so ably presented the case, may well consummate the many years of effort on the part of the State of Florida towards the creation and, now, the completion of Everglades National Park. You are, of course, fully aware that many of the matters discussed here must be authorized by Congress.

In considering what amounts to a material reduction of the park area as originally visualized by the Congress, the State of Florida, the Department of the Interior, and the numerous planners and conservationists who have all helped to bring the park project this far, I am sure that we all do so with the intent and confidence that our action will result in a national park adequate to preserve and perpetuate the extraordinary plant and animal life for which the park is established, and that it is also the intent of all concerned that future development of the lands outside the park shall be such that it will not impair the flow of waters across the park, which flows are essential to its preservation.

Secretary McKay has taken a strong personal interest in the completion of this park and has given it every possible support. I have taken this matter up informally with the Secretary and he is in accord with our approach to this problem. I am willing to recommend to him favorable consideration of the program developed in our conference and outlined herein, with the understanding that it has the support and backing of the Governor, Members of Congress, and the State generally.

We greatly appreciate the continuing interest of the Governor and the Trustees in reaching a solution of these problems. It was a pleasure to see you and Mr. Elliot again. Thank you for coming to my office for this important conference.

Your comments will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(s) Conrad L. Wirth
Director
National Park Service,
United States Department
of the Interior.

The Attorney General remarked that the National Park Service desires the Trustees to agree on a boundary to be included in an act of Congress settling premanently the boundaries of Everglades National Park and recommends that outlined in above letter. He further reported that a number of letters have been received asking for a public hearing on this subject, and the Trustees did agree that all discussions would be tentative and would not foreclose the right of interested parties to be heard.

Motion was made by Comptroller Green that the report be received and filed, and that the Governor appoint a committee of three to study the matter and if necessary hold public meetings, if deemed advisable, and report back to the Trustees. Attorney General Ervin seconded the motion with the statement that the proposal emanating from the conferences in Washington should be taken under advisement by the Trustees and referred to a committee of three members; that these members be authorized to hold a public hearing if they deem it advisable, after which report be made to the Trustees. The motion was carried and so ordered. Messrs. Green, Larson and Mayo were appointed as the Committee.

Mr. Elliot presented request from Mr. Robert D. Tylander of West Palm Beach, Florida, for quitclaim deed covering Lots 18 and 19, Block 1, Third Acre Homes Park Addition to Kelsey City, Palm Beach County. It was explained that these lots came to the Trustees by Master's deed issued under provisions of Chapter 14572 of 1929, but the records in the county disclose that said lots were included in master's deed through error arising out of an Order of the Court. Mr. Tylander desires quitclaim deed to remove cloud from the title. Mr. Elliot recommends issuance of quitclaim deed upon payment of \$5.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of Mr. Tylander's client, Connie Dixon, upon payment of \$5.00.

On March 6, 1956, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorized the Governor to appoint a five-member citizen commission to recommend policies and possible legislation for the management of State lands in the public interest. The Commission would embrace the following powers and duties:

1. Be provided by the Trustees with necessary funds to engage the services of adequate engineering and legal assistance; and
2. Make an inventory of all state-owned lands cataloging the same in such a way that their nature and characteristics will be readily understood by the public; and

3. Recommend a plan and policies under which the sale or withholding from sale of state-owned lands by the Trustees can be made most consistently with the public interest; and
4. Recommend a plan and policies under which future state parks and other public facilities may be created from state-owned lands; and
5. Recommend a plan and policies through which the State adequately may regulate dredging and filling of submerged lands and otherwise safeguard the public interest in other development of the State's lakes, rivers, beaches, coastlines and other natural resources; and
6. Recommend a plan and policies for the general preservation and development in the interest of the public of Florida's many natural wonders and beauty; and
7. Recommend law reform required to protect adequately the public interest in public lands and waters.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the above report from Governor Collins be approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Secretary Engineer	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Green, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State School Fund	27,015.09
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board Conservation	5,057.48
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	146.70
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	5.53
Wyatt's Business Machines, Tallahassee, Fla.	1.50
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	2.75
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.,	
Jacksonville, Fla.	70.68
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County—	
Recording fee	1.50
E. D. Keefer, Miami, Fla.—Appraisal	150.00
Ronnie Green, Crystal River, Fla.—Appraisal	850.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	182.20
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Appraisal ...	70.00
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Advertising land sale	16.10

The Palm Beach Post—Advertising land sale	16.25
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.	9.60
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	3.38
Capital Paper Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	12.35
Stuart Daily News, Inc.—Advertising land sale ...	94.30
DeLand Sun News—Volusia County land sale	18.40
The Okeechobee News—Advertising land sale	18.40
Anderson & Carr, Inc., West Palm Beach— Appraisal	350.00
Oklawaha Basin Recreation & Water Conservation and Control Authority, Tavares, Fla.— Second advance on loan	75,000.00
City of Pahokee—For work on breakwater project	12,401.10
City of Pahokee—Engineering service on breakwater project	150.00
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel vouchers	241.37
H. G. Morton—Expenses as Fiber Technologist ...	617.25
Smith-Corona Inc., Syracuse, N. Y. For 1 electric typewriter	355.00
Baker-Alford Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	47.49
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	4.11
The Titusville Star Advocate, Titusville, Fla.	18.40
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Advertising	24.15
Stuart Daily News—Advertising land sale	24.15
The Miami Herald—Advertising land sale	75.60
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla.—Appraisal	450.00
TOTAL	\$128,163.82

Financial statements for the month of February are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of February 1, 1956	\$195,052.49
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$102,684.64
Quitclaim Deeds	75.00
Mineral Leases	11,460.54
Sand & Shell Leases	5,935.08
Grazing Leases	478.10
Interest on Bonds	6,527.50
Advertising Refunds	396.10
Timber Leases	130.52
Farm Lease	1,525.60
Certified Copies of Trustees Minutes	18.00
Fill Material	115.40
Miscellaneous Leases	453.00
Total Receipts for Month of February, 1956	129,799.48
GRAND TOTAL	324,851.97
Less Disbursements for February, 1956	53,071.60
Balance as of February 29, 1956	271,780.37

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2-2-56	219439	Capital Office Equipment Co.	\$ 9.18
	219440	Marchant Calculators, Inc.	36.00
	219441	W. S. Weaver, CCC	3.10
	219442	The Key West Citizen	32.97
	219443	The Coral Tribune	64.40
	219444	Harry M. McWhorter	150.00
	219445	E. D. Keefer	175.00
	219446	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	150.00
	219447	Key West Board of Realtors	147.00
	219448	The Palm Beach Post Times	81.00
	219449	The Gulf County Breeze	108.10
	219450	Tallahassee Democrat	102.35
	219451	Panama City News Herald	104.65
	219452	A. P. and R. K. Michaels	725.00
2-9-56	226609	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State School Fund	10,402.06
	226610	J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer Tr. to State Bd. Conservation	6,986.25
2-13-56	231778	Sinclair Wells	167.35
2-14-56	233551	Southeastern Telephone Co.	118.65
	233552	Western Union Telegraph Co.	8.44
	233553	Capital Office Equipment Co.	2.84
	233554	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	54.55
	233555	Claude A. Gandolfo, Tax Assessor ...	9.40
	233556	The Key West Citizen	20.70
	233557	George F. Brass	100.00
	233558	Fred L. Palmer	135.00
	233559	J. E. Pierce Realty Co.	510.43
	233560	A. B. Fogarty	107.00
	233561	E. D. Keefer	350.00
	233562	Harry M. McWhorter	50.00
2-15-56	235312	H. G. Morton	952.52
	235313	Robert M. Angus & Assoc.	1,425.00
2-16-56	237106	City of St. Cloud	1,079.52
2-22-56	243249	John D. Moriarty	66.00
	243250	City of Pahokee	23,756.29
2-24-56	247955	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	38.25
	247956	Capital Office Equipment Co.	4.00
	247957	Eugene L. Barnes & Son	25.00
	247958	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	21.85
	247959	The Okeechobee News	18.40
	247960	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	15.00
	247961	American Hdwe. Mutual Ins. Co.	93.36
2-29-56	235352	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	235353	H. G. Morton	485.90
	235354	A. R. Williams	449.33
	235355	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	235356	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	235357	M. O. Barco	387.93
	235358	J. L. Dedge	341.15

235359	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
235360	S. Wells	361.21
235361	C. M. Greene	49.35
235362	R. N. Landers	27.41
235363	Blue Cross of Florida	23.15
235364	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
235365	State Retirement	279.89
235366	Federal Tax	628.90

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY, 1956\$53,071.60

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT

Balance as of February 1, 1956	\$ 1,725.00
Receipts:	
Feb. 14—Board of Commissioners of Pinellas County	\$700.00
Feb. 16—Marion County	450.00
Total Receipts for the month	1,150.00
GRAND TOTAL	2,875.00
Less Disbursements for the month	- 0 -
BALANCE AS OF FEBRUARY, 1956	\$ 2,875.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts for General Revenue:	
February 1, 1956	\$11,994.50
February 16, 1956	975.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH.....	\$12,970.00
Disbursements for the Month:	
<i>Date</i> <i>Warrant No.</i> <i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2-29-56 234673 E. Hewitt	\$373.86
234674 M. C. Pichard.....	283.37
234675 Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.....	7.75
234676 State Retirement	26.97
234677 Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH.....	\$771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 636 was presented listing thirty-eight (38) bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and also two correction deeds, as follows: Brevard County Deed No. 1533-Cor. to Wilda Smith, and Dade County Deed No. 2147-Cor. to A. F. Doron, for the purpose of correcting grantee's name in each deed.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 636 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Letter was presented from Mr. Jesse Warren, on behalf of Mrs. Pearl Goodbred, requesting that certain Jefferson County land (being 3 acres in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 1 South, Range 4 East), be advertised with the sale to be held in the Board Room at Tallahassee as the Clerk declines to hold sale of the land in Monticello. He explained that this land was advertised to be sold September 19, 1955, and was bid off to Willie Poppell at \$15.00, but the land was erroneously described and the bid was rejected. Another sale was advertised to be held March 7, 1956, and he and Mrs. Goodbred were present to bid but Mr. Anderson would not offer the land for bids.

Mr. Anderson's reason for not holding the sale was that he had already held one sale and he did not think it was fair to have Mr. Poppell bid again on the land.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees direct Mr. Anderson to readvertise the land, without cost to applicant, and hold another sale in the usual manner, the former advertisement having been based on an erroneous description.

Mr. Elliot reported as information to the Trustees that in the case of the State of Florida vs. Connie W. Raulerson, former Clerk of the Circuit Court and Agent for the Trustees in sale of Murphy Act land, Mr. Raulerson on March 7, 1956, changed his plea from not guilty to nolo contendere as to count 2, which was embezzlement of Murphy Act funds. His attorneys made request to the Judge for pre-sentence investigation. Count 1, which was embezzlement of county funds, was nol-prossed. The said case involves Okeechobee County lands.

The report was accepted and ordered filed.

The City of Clearwater offers \$10.00 for two parcels of land described as Unplatted Blocks 80 and 87, Mandalay Unit No. 5, City of Clearwater, in Section 32, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, and in Section 5, Township 29 South, Range 15 East, Pinellas County. It was explained that the lots were acquired by the City from the former owner and have been used as a street. It was later learned that on account of non-payment of taxes by the city's grantor, title to the lots vested in the state under Chapter 18296. The city now desires to clear title.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to the City of Clearwater under Chapter 21684 of 1943 of the lots described upon payment of \$5.00 for each lot.

Protest was submitted from Bernard M. Shotkin to sale of Volusia County land recently sold under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disallow the protest as it is not in order.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in a certain Murphy Act certificate covering land in Pasco County, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title vested in the state by virtue of said certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
E. Hewitt—Expenses to Okeechobee	33.55
J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00
Total	<u>\$854.80</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

March 14, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met in special session on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
A. R. Williams, Acting Land Agent

At the regular meeting of the Trustees March 13, 1956, there was referred to the Attorney General the sale of 480 acres of land in Manatee County, advertised for February 28, 1956, on application of W. P. Fuller and Doyle E. Carlton, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen. Protests were filed to said sale by Walter H. Woodward of Sarasota, Florida, on behalf of client Nina Washburn, and by J. Kenneth Ballinger of Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of Dr. William E. White, Jr. and Pauline M. White, his wife.

Attorney General Ervin submitted the following report and recommendations from his office:

March 14, 1956

Re: Application of M. E. Cowen
to purchase certain submerged lands,
pursuant to sections 253.12, et seq.,
Florida Statutes, in Manatee County,
Florida.

We have examined the following public records in connection with the application of M. E. Cowen to purchase certain alleged submerged or sovereignty lands in sections 22, 27, 28, township 33 south, range 17 east, in Manatee County, Florida, comprising an estimated area of 480 acres. This application to purchase was made under and pursuant to sections 253.12, et seq., Florida Statutes, and objections to the said purchase have been filed by K. Ballinger and Daniel and Woodward, attorneys, in behalf of their respective clients, who object to the sale of the lands under the application on the grounds that the objectors now own the said lands under a chain of title originating with United States Swamp and Overflowed Lands Patent No. 33, to the State of Florida, bearing date of November 26, 1884, and Trustees' deed dated January 17, 1890. In this connection we have examined the following documents:

1. Swamp and Overflowed Land Selection List of Florida No. 9, filed in September 1883. This list was sworn to and verified by "H. F. Blocker" on August 27, 1833, and shows the following selection of lands:

The unsurveyed part of township 33 S. 17 E. (the estimated area is given as 600 acres)

The unsurveyed part of township 34 S. 17 E. (the estimated area is given as 400 acres).

2. The lands were patented by the United States to the State of Florida, by Gainesville Patent No. 33, dated November 26, 1884, in which patent the lands were described as:

Township 33 South, Range 17 East

The unsurveyed part of said township, containing an estimated area of six hundred acres.

Township 34 South, Range 17 East

The unsurveyed part of said township, containing an estimated area of four hundred acres.

Nowhere in the said patent are the lands described other than as above.

3. The government township plats, made by the government surveyors surveying said township 33 south, Range 17 east, together with the field notes, and especially the traverse of sections 23, 26, 27, 34 and 35, of said township and range. We note that the area in question was indicated on the township plat of the survey of July, 1856, by John Jackson, Dep. Surv., as "salt marsh and mangrove flats." Salt marsh and mangrove flats are usually presumed to be within salt water area and part of the submerged lands; although this presumption may be overcome by proof.
4. Government Coast Guard charts of the area involved.

Our examination of the said public records casts doubt upon the title of the persons filing the objections, in that there are indications that the lands claimed by them may not have been within the description of the above described selection of swamp and overflowed lands and patent from the United States and deed from the state. This question of title, that is, whether the lands in question belong to the state, or to the objectors, is one that can only be determined by the courts. If the objectors hold title to the lands claimed by them, then no sale should or may be made by the trustees; while if they do not own the title claimed, sale by the trustees would seem proper.

Section 253.14, Florida Statutes, seems to point out the procedure contemplated by the legislature in cases of this nature; that is to overrule the objections and give the objectors thirty (30) days within which to bring suit against the trustees for the purpose of reviewing the action of the trustees. There is no provision in the statute for court review except where the objections are overruled. Although we feel that the trustees might, notwithstanding the statute, bring a suit to quiet the state's title as against the objectors, we feel that the proceeding outlined by the legislature in said section 253.14 is the one intended by the legislature.

We, therefore, recommend that the trustees overrule the objections filed and accept the offer of the applicants, subject, however, to the right of the objectors to file suit as contemplated by section 253.14, Florida Statutes, and that deed be withheld for thirty (30) days, pursuant to the statutes, and thereafter, if suit is filed within said thirty days, until the litigation is finally determined.

Following reading of the report, Attorney General Ervin recommended that the Trustees overrule the objections filed and accept the offer of the applicants, subject to the deed being withheld for a period of thirty (30) days as provided in the statutes, and thereafter until completion of litigation in the event suit is filed by objectors within said thirty (30) days.

Assistant Attorney General Burns explained that the doubt cast on the title sprang from a factual situation that attorneys could not determine by examination of records and abstracts and would be a matter of proof by physical facts; that the basic patent from the United States described an area of 600 acres in the whole township without pointing out any definite description.

Mr. Elliot explained that a large part of the area is sovereignty land for which the Trustees had no authority at that time to convey; that the Knott deed described certain lands by metes and bounds, and those metes and bounds were exterior to those of 1890. The question partly raised was whether or not the meander bayward of the upland, or presumed to be included in the upland under the general rule, was without reference to a meander to the ordinary high water mark of the shore. Meander under usual conditions is not considered as a boundary, but boundary is taken to be the line of ordi-

nary high tide and the claim is that certain of these lands will extend to the meander line.

Mr. Woodward, on behalf of his client, explained the sequence of title to the land from the time it was patented to the State in 1884 as sovereignty lands; that there was no question as to the title until 1934 when Mr. W. V. Knott applied to the Trustees and received deed to certain land in the area under discussion. Mr. Woodward displayed a map showing the area claimed by his client and asked that the Trustees not approve the sale as recommended, which is to withhold delivery of the deed for thirty days, until the question can be determined by a survey. He feels that it should be surveyed by the Trustees under state law and not put the burden on his clients to prove that the land was high in 1885.

Mr. Ballinger stated that his clients owned land immediately adjoining the section in which Mr. Woodward's clients claim title; that his claim is substantially the same as Mr. Woodward's; that it is a question of disputed title and he suggests that the Trustees consider having the land surveyed and determine its character rather than to put upon his clients the burden of proving his claim in thirty days; that he feels his client would be agreeable to accepting a decision based on what the survey by the Trustees disclosed.

Mr. Woodward and Mr. Ballinger urged that the Trustees do not take any action until the Court has determined the character of the land, as issuance of a third deed will only complicate matters. They base their claim on the 1890 deed and question the Knott title.

Mr. Carlton stated that while he and associates had hoped for confirmation of the sale on this date, they feel it is only fair for the Trustees to hold up deed for thirty days and allow parties protesting the opportunity to bring suit if they so desire; that is according to the statutes and as recommended by the Attorney General.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin that the Trustees overrule the objections, pursuant to the statutes, and that will automatically result in the objectors having thirty days within which to file suit; that this action is taken without prejudice to the claim of title by objectors or foreclosing any rights they may have. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green.

Mr. Woodward requested more time, as his client is on a trip around the world and he will be unable to contact her before the thirty days expire.

Mr. Ballinger also requested additional time.

Upon discussion, the Trustees are of the opinion that there is no provision for extension of time.

Call for vote on the question resulted in unanimous adoption of the motion of the Attorney General.

Mr. Woodward and Mr. Ballinger were advised that delivery of the deed will be withheld for the period of thirty (30) days, or, if litigation ensues, so long thereafter as suit continues; also, that the

action taken is without prejudice to any rights the objectors may have.

Upon motion duly adopted, the special meeting adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
March 20, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

Jentye Dedge, Acting Secretary

The Trustees on March 13, 1956, considered sale of Manatee County land, applied for by Walter P. Fuller on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen. Protests were filed to sale of a portion of the area and since a legal question was involved the matter was referred to the Attorney General for an opinion.

In view of the possibility of further delay, Mr. Fuller makes request that the Trustees execute and deliver deed at this time to those lands comprising the Terra Ceia Island area that are not involved in protest filed by Messrs. Woodward and Ballinger; also, if as a result of final settlement of litigation affecting the protested area, said protests are disallowed as to all or any part thereof that a second deed be then issued to Mr. Fuller and associates.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that request of Mr. Fuller be approved, subject to a letter being filed with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund from parties protesting that they have no objection to conveyance of that portion of the land to which no protest has been made, all subject to approval by the Attorney General.

A joint meeting was held with the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions. Secretary of State R. A. Gray and Superintendent of Public Instruction Thomas D. Bailey were recorded present.

A group from the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., was present, composed of the following:

Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs
W. Barton Greenwood, Assistant Commissioner
Clarence E. Hill, Realty Branch
M. M. Tozier, Information Officer

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Mr. Emmons presented to the boards suggestions for improving the condition of the Seminole Indians in Florida and an over-all long range plan was suggested, including principally Lands, Education and Government. The group suggests that the United States, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the State of Florida through the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the State Board of Education, and such other agencies as may take part in such plan, join in articulating the work and operations of the Federal and State Agencies toward effectuating a plan.

After presentation of the matter, and discussion, the Board of Commissioners and the Trustees requested that Mr. Elliot confer with the group and submit a report as soon as possible as to the result of the conference.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: Jentye Dedge
Acting Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
March 27, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
A. R. Williams, Acting Land Agent

The following sales were advertised to be held on this date:

DADE COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$23.00 per lot from Mrs. Anna Fischer for purchase of Lots 1 to 13, inclusive, and 15 to 25, inclusive, Block 1; Lots 1 to 25, inclusive, Block 2; Lots 1 to 13, inclusive, and 15 to 25, inclusive, Block 3; Lots 1 to 25, inclusive, Block 4, Liberty Grove, a subdivision in Section 5, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, containing 10 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$23.00 per lot, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on February 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

At the suggestion of the Governor it was agreed that bids be received and the high bid taken under advisement until next week;

that if the high bid is found to be a fair price the sale will be confirmed, if not the Trustees reserve the right to reject the bids.

Description of the land was called out and it was announced that a higher bid has been received by telegram from Irvin Garten in the amount of \$34.00 per lot.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$74.00 per lot from Will Carrin of Tallahassee.

The bids were received and ordered held for further consideration as suggested by the Governor.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On December 20, 1955, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 from Robert Johnson for purchase of Lots 6 and 7, Block 5 of Bass Subdivision in Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The Trustees agreed to advertise the lots for competitive bids starting with the offer of \$25.00 for the two lots, and notice of sale was published in the Okeechobee News on February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Williams announced that a bid of \$200.00 for the two lots has been made by John Hendrickson of Connersville, Indiana.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$201.00 from Will Carrin for the two lots.

The high bid was ordered held for further consideration by the Trustees, with definite action to be taken at the next meeting.

MANATEE COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Dewey A. Dye, on behalf of Lars and Marie Hansen, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Warner's West Bayou in Section 20, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, containing 1.22 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on February 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. This land was appraised at \$175.00 an acre.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Hansen at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On January 31, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$600.00 an acre, which is the appraised price, from Norman Schmid, on behalf of Bucky and Carmen Harris, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, in Section 23,

Township 44 South, Range 43 East, lying west of and adjacent to the South 200 feet of the North 3500 feet of said Section 23, in the Town of Palm Beach, Florida, containing 1.84 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Bucky and Carmen Harris at the price offered—\$600.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On January 31, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre from Norman Schmid, on behalf of Edmund Sheedy, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, lying west of and adjacent to the North 140 feet of the South 640 feet of Government Lot 1, of said Section 2, containing 1.53 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Sheedy at the price offered—\$600.00 an acre.

PALM BEACH COUNTY—On January 31, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$600.00 an acre from Norman Schmid, on behalf of Spelman Prentice, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Lake Worth, in Section 2, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, lying west of and adjacent to the North 300 feet of the South 940 feet of Government Lot 1 of said Section 2, containing 3.28 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Palm Beach Post on February 17, 24, March 2, 9 and 16, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Prentice at the price offered—\$600.00 an acre.

Without objection, the Trustees informally passed for future consideration the request from Coles, Himes and Germany, attorneys at law of Tampa, on behalf of Henry Toland, for advertisement of 294.3 acres of submerged land in Tampa Bay, Sections 4, 5 and 6, Township 30 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County, the Trustees on June 14, 1955, having agreed to allow Mr. Toland to purchase any of said area at a price of \$50.00 an acre.

Hunter & Paoli, attorneys on behalf of client, make application for deed to Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, and Lots 12 and 13, Block 4 of Seabreeze Estates, South Addition, in Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. Applicants state that these parcels have been advertised previously and represent accretion to land owned by them and lost by erosion.

It was ordered that consideration of the application be passed till a later meeting.

The following applications were presented from owners of upland property to purchase adjoining submerged land:

1. C. S. Smith, Jr., offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for approximately 50 acres in the Banana River adjacent to property of Cocoa Ocean Beach Company, in Sections 27 and 34, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.
2. Herman Ulmer, on behalf of National Container Corporation, applies for 1.58 acres adjacent to upland in the St. Johns River, in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 27 East, Duval County. Recommend advertisement on the basis of \$250.00 an acre.
3. Samuel L. Collins and Margaret S. Henriquez offer the appraised price of \$100.00 for 0.52 of an acre adjacent to upland on Little Torch Key, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, Monroe County.
4. John P. Goggin, on behalf of C. A. Anderson, offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for 5 acres adjacent to property on Key Largo, Section 14, Township 65 South, Range 38 East, Monroe County.
5. John P. Goggin, on behalf of W. A. Ellinger, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 30 acres of bay bottom lying Southerly of Grassy Key, Section 19, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County.
6. G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Leslie H. Michael, offers the appraised price of \$350.00 an acre for 0.6 of an acre located on the ocean side of Plantation Key, Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, Monroe County.
7. Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. O'Donoghue, offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.58 of an acre of land adjacent to property in Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, Manatee County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the seven (7) parcels of sub-

merged land advertised for objections only, based on the offers made and recommended.

Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of F. P. Sadowski, makes application for parcels 1, 2, 3 and 4, located in Sections 3, 4 and 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, Monroe County. Said parcels are appraised as follows:

Parcel No. 1—15.5 acres—\$300.00 an acre
 Parcel No. 2—32.0 acres—\$100.00 an acre
 Parcel No. 3—82.00 acres—\$150.00 an acre
 Parcel No. 4—0.57 of an acre—\$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the four (4) parcels be advertised for objections only.

G. F. Swanson offers the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre for Lots 7 and 8, Section 26, Township 29 South, Range 38 East, Brevard County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$25.00 an acre.

The City of Jacksonville Beach, Duval County, requests permission to stabilize the landward side of a reconstructed seawall using material from the beach. It was stated that the material was washed onto the beach from behind the formerly existing bulkhead. The city desires the fill without cost.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant permission for the City of Jacksonville Beach to take fill material from the beach as requested without cost.

The following applications were presented for leases to remove timber from state land:

1. John M. Roach of Eustis, Florida—For removal of timber from Ocheesee Pond, a meandered lake in Townships 3 and 4 North, Ranges 7 and 8 West, Jackson County. The Farm Forester reports a thick growth of young cypress which should not be cut in the near future.
2. T. M. Creel of Bonifay—For removal of timber on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 15 West, Washington County.

It is recommended that the applications be denied on the ground that severance of the timber from the parcel will decrease the value to greater extent than the amount which will be received.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees deny the applications from Mr. Roach and Mr. Creel.

C. M. Greene, on behalf of W. E. Schlechter, offers \$45.00 per annum rental for a five year farm lease on an area of sovereignty land between the meander line of Lake Okeechobee and the right of way of U. S. Levee, located in Section 13, Township 43 South, Range 36 East, containing 9 acres in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept offer from Mr. Schlechter and authorize five-year lease on the parcel described.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests that the Trustees withhold action, without prejudice to later consideration, on applications for purchase of permanently reclaimed lake bottom lands in the chain of lakes in or tributary to the Kissimmee River. Flood control in the Kissimmee River water shed is to be accomplished by channel improvement for passage of excess flows and by storage of excess water in several lakes. This will result in a variable range of lake levels depending on findings of the U. S. Engineers. The lakes requested withheld are Lakes Hart, East Tohopekaliga, Tohopekaliga, Mary Jane, Preston, Alligator, Gentry, Cypress, Hatchineha, Kissimmee and Istokpoga.

Governor Collins suggested that some agency be responsible for working out an over-all plan for recreation areas around these lakes when the program of the Flood Control District has been worked out, possibly the Development Commission which is authorized by law to develop for recreation of the public. Also, he feels it would not be wise to dispose of any of these areas until the over-all plan has been worked out.

Mr. Elliot advised that about a year ago the Trustees took action withholding from sale a portion of the area covered by the request now made and recommends that such areas remain as at present and become a part of the larger area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District and withdraw from sale or other disposition the areas indicated, this action to implement former action.

Mr. Elliot suggested that consideration might be given to reserving from sale for the present those lands comprising the agricultural area, title to which is in the Trustees, pending advancement of plans of the Flood Control District.

No action taken.

At the meeting February 28, 1956, the Trustees requested the assistant engineer, Mr. A. R. Williams, to investigate an area in Volusia County at New Smyrna Beach applied for by Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle. The following report was submitted by Mr. Williams on the subject:

On February 28, 1956, Mr. Anderson C. Bouchelle of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and a delegation of citizens from that area presented

an application to the Trustees for the conveyance of approximately 1000 acres of marsh land adjoining property owned by Mr. Bouchelle and others in Volusia County. The applicants offered \$50,000.00 for the tract of 1000 acres, more or less.

Mr. Bouchelle called attention to a sale held March 4, 1952, at which he was high bidder for 170 acres of marsh land but took under Contract No. 20011 only 54 acres at the rate of \$100.00 per acre. Mr. Bouchelle asked that he be allowed to take contract to purchase the remaining 116 acres of the contract at the same rate of \$100.00 per acre.

The Trustees agreed to this request of Mr. Bouchelle and also tentatively agreed to the sale of the 1000 acres after an examination of the entire tract has been made by the Assistant Engineer. The following preliminary is submitted by the Assistant Engineer and Acting Land Agent.

PART I—It now develops that the 170 acres originally applied for by Mr. Bouchelle, including the 54 acres now under contract to purchase lies entirely within MSA Grant No. 434-A-R, a perpetual easement or grant by the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund to the United States for the deposit of spoil in connection with the maintenance of the Intracoastal Waterway dated *March 30, 1943*.

This MSA Grant is revocable containing the following provision:

(Quotation from Maintenance Spoil Area Grant 434-A-R to the United States omitted)

Therefore, the following alternatives are offered to the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund for discussion and action thereon.

1. Authorize and direct the Acting Land Agent and the Engineer-Secretary to proceed with the termination of MSA Grant No. 434-A-R under the conditions as shown in the above provision coordinating with the Florida Inland Navigation District and the U. S. Engineers in finding and agreeing to, for the Trustees, the granting of suitable substitute spoil areas or the enlargement of other adjacent grant areas.

2. Notify Mr. Bouchelle of the existing conditions informing him that the deed resulting from the completion of Contract No. 20011 for the 54 acres and the deed that will result from the new contract covering the remaining 116 acres will both be issued subject to all rights of the United States under MSA Grant No. 434-A-R.

3. Cancel Mr. Bouchelle's Contract No. 20011, refunding all moneys he has paid in and rescind former action on the remaining 116 acres by denying his request of February 28, 1956.

PART II—Part of the 1000 acre parcel which the Trustees have tentatively agreed to convey, subject to "on the site" examination has also been granted to the United States for spoiling purposes. These areas are MSA-V-8 granted in "Grant of Easements" instrument dated *December 28, 1938*, and MSA 435-A as shown in "Grant of Easements" instrument dated *April 20, 1946*. These two areas contain a total of 223.70 acres.

Unlike MSA Grant No. 434-A-R, both of these instruments do *not* carry the revocable clause but in lieu thereof is the following:

(Quotation from MSA-V-8 granted to the United States December 28, 1938 and MSA 435-A dated April 20, 1946.)

THEREFORE, it is recommended that the Trustees authorize and direct the Acting Land Agent and the Engineer-Secretary to discuss the situation in detail with Mr. Bouchelle and associates and also with District Engineer, U. S. Engineers and General Youngberg of the Florida Inland Navigation District before proceeding with field investigations.

The Intracoastal Canal through this section has been completed as to the revised project depth of 12 feet, bottom width of 100 feet and it is possible that the U. S. Engineers may agree to the abandonment of these areas as in the case of Palm Beach County and MSA 605-A. If not the applicants will be apprised of that part of the 1000 acre tract that the Trustees could convey without interfering with the rights and easements heretofore conveyed.

Upon discussion of the report, Attorney General Ervin made the motion that the memorandum report from the Land Office be approved and that the Land Office and Mr. Elliot proceed with negotiations to ascertain if releases can be obtained from the United States of the spoil areas of the Intracoastal Waterway. The motion was seconded and upon vote adopted.

Letter was presented from Senator Philip D. Beall of Pensacola, Florida, representing Perdido Land Company, designating an area covered by Lease No. 775 comprising the equivalent of two (2) sections of land—1280 acres—to be assigned to the drilling of a well drilled under the terms of said lease, bounded as follows:

North line of Lillian Bridge; by the shoreline of Perdido Bay from said North line to Northeast corner of Section 15, Township 2 South, Range 31 West; by line drawn from the said northeast corner bearing North 8° 05' East to a point in the State Boundary line and by State Boundary line.

Applicants request the said area be accepted as proper assignment to said well. Mr. Elliot recommended that the request be granted.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the area for assignment to the well drilled under Lease No. 775.

Senator Philip Beall of Pensacola, Florida, verbally requested that the Trustees advertise for bids an oil and gas lease covering the area in Perdido Bay, Escambia County, heretofore leased to Perdido Land Company under Lease No. 775, said lease having expired except as

to 1280 acres which were assigned to well already drilled. Senator Beall stated that he has prepared a form of advertisement which he will take up with Mr. Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, one of the conditions of which is that drilling of a well on the premises shall commence within ninety (90) days from date of lease.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids with condition in the advertisement that drilling of a well shall be commenced within ninety days from date of lease.

The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County requests permission to pump sand from Lake Letta, in Highlands County, for filling in a county park and a short distance of roadbed between Lake Letta and old State Road No. 25, now Road S-17-A. It is recommended that the request be granted subject to proper conditions for protection of the lake and the shore line.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Highlands County be authorized to take the material from Lake Letta as requested under certain conditions as recommended.

Resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County was presented requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund take action with reference to title of Goat or Terminal Island, in the St. Johns River, and determine the validity of the claim made by the Ship Canal Authority.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees invite the Board of Directors of the Ship Canal Authority to meet with the Trustees April 10, 1956, for the purpose of discussing with them settlement as to title to Goat Island (Terminal Island), and pending such conference no further action will be taken on the resolution by Duval County Commissioners.

Telegram from Congressman Dante B. Fascell, 4th District, to Attorney General Ervin, was presented advising that he and the United States Senators from Florida have released the Department of the Interior from agreement to withhold disposal action on improved islands, and requesting that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make similar release on the improved lands only.

Attorney General Ervin and Mr. Elliot explained that the discussions in Washington brought out the fact that there are three groups of islands or keys involved—(1) islands conveyed by the Trustees on which grantees have made valuable improvements; (2) islands conveyed by the Trustees on which little or no improvements have been made, and (3) islands still unsold but which the Department proposes to sell at competitive bids. The telegram refers to those islands already conveyed and considerable improvements made thereon. It

was agreed by the Senators in Washington and the Department of the Interior that the improved islands would not be subject to further contention.

Attorney General Ervin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees release the state's interest in these improved islands conveyed by the Trustees to private parties. It was so ordered.

The Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission requests that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund concur in issuance of a ten year oil and gas lease in favor of Kin-Ark Oil Company on 4,880 acres of land owned by the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 23, Township 42 South, Range 25 East, Charlotte County. Bids for the lease were opened January 6, 1956, and the high bid of \$5,026.40 was offered by Kin-Ark Company as the bonus bid with yearly rental payments of fifty cents (50c) per acre in lieu of drilling. Concurrence of the Trustees to be on a non-participating basis.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees concur in the lease to Kin-Ark Oil Company, on a non-participating basis, and authorize execution of the lease by the Trustees.

Request was presented from Mr. Mallory Horton, on behalf of Charles F. Harvey and Helen S. Arnold, owners of Government Lot 4, Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 40 East, Dade County, making application to purchase the submerged land in Sections 21 and 22, same township and range, in front of said Government Lot 4. The submerged area comprises approximately 175 acres less right of way for Black Creek Canal to Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Mr. Horton requests that the Trustees proceed with advertising the land for objections and in the meantime have appraisal made in order to expedite the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the application take its regular course, having the appraisal made and the offer submitted before advertising. It was so ordered.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund of \$18.50 to the City of Cocoa, representing overpayment made on land purchase.

Mr. Claude S. Ginn requested that the Trustees reconsider appraisal of \$25.00 an acre for Dixie County land on which he made an offer of \$15.00 an acre.

Governor Collins suggested that if Mr. Ginn feels the appraisal is too high, he should secure evidence to support his contention

and the Trustees will give it consideration. Otherwise the present appraisal will stand.

Information was furnished that another applicant has stated that he will offer \$25.00 an acre for the same land, subject to advertisement for competitive bids.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Murphy Act Report No. 637 was presented, listing 70 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also Dade County Deed No. 4-EDD Supplemental-Cor. to the City of Homestead, Florida, and Broward County Deed No. 675-Cor. to Minerva G. Brown, each for the purpose of correcting description in original, said deeds having been approved by the Attorney General's office.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 637 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Letter was presented from Mr. Ike Anderson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, with reference to re-advertisement of land erroneously described in former advertisement. The Trustees at the meeting March 13, 1956, directed that the land be again advertised and sale held in regular manner. Mr. Anderson requests that the Trustees file a writ of Mandamus against him and let the County Judge decide whether it was his duty to hold another sale.

Without objection, the case was referred to the Attorney General for an opinion as to what course the Trustees should pursue.

The State Road Department requests conveyance of Lot 4, Block 15, Worthington Springs, Union County, necessary in connection with State Road 23, Sec. 3902, for which an offer of \$10.00 is made.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of Lot 4, under provisions of Chapter 21684, Acts of 1943, upon payment of \$10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates certified to the state under Chapter 18296 against land in Brevard and Sarasota Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vest no title in the state.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 3, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
A. R. Williams, Acting Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated February 28 and March 6, 1956, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the minutes be approved as presented.

Attorney General Ervin stated that Mr. Joe Grotegut, Governor Collins' Assistant, advised him that the Governor was agreeable to approving the application from Coles, Himes & Germany, representing Mr. Henry Toland, for purchase of 294.3 acres of submerged land in Tampa Bay, in Section 4, 5 and 6, Township 30 South, Range 19 East, Hillsborough County.

It was explained that at the meeting June 14, 1955, the Trustees agreed to convey to Mr. Toland and associates, at the price of \$50.00 an acre, 26 acres which said parties had sometime ago conveyed to Tampa Electric Company; also, that he be allowed to purchase any of the remaining area at the same price, all subject to advertisement for objections only. The acreage now applied for is a part of the remaining area referred to.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the offer of Mr. Toland for the land referred to, at the rate of \$50.00 an acre, be approved subject to advertisement for objections only.

Florida Power Corporation applies for 652.66 acres of submerged land in Tampa Bay in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, Pinellas County, to be used as the site for a new power plant of 120 KW initial capacity. This area is adjacent to upland now owned or to be acquired prior to sale date, by Florida Power Corporation. The company has agreed to pay the appraised price of \$75.00 an acre for the land.

Upon inquiry from the Chairman, Mr. Elliot stated that he has gone over the plans and thinks it will be fine to have the plant in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only, based on the offer of \$75.00 an acre.

Leo M. Butler, on behalf of J. H. Bolesta and Paula Bolesta, adjacent upland owners, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 7.86 acres of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, Sections 33 and 34, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. Approval of Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority has been furnished.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for objections only based on offer of \$200.00 an acre.

The State Road Department makes application for an easement for right of way across submerged land in New River Sound, East of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which is to be used for rebuilding the Las Olas Boulevard Causeway in the unsurveyed portions of Section 12, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. The said parcel lies within 100 feet northerly and 200 feet southerly of the survey line for State Road A1A, Section 8605-175.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department for the area described.

The State Road Department makes application for an easement for right of way purposes across Crane Creek, Section 2, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, desired in connection with State Road 5—Section 7001-175.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees grant request and authorize execution of easement in favor of the State Road Department.

Martin J. Bowen offers \$100.00 an acre, which is in excess of the appraised value, for purchase of Lot 2, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 69.83 acres, more or less, in Collier County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land owned by the state:

Lake County—William Diggle offers the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre for Government Lot 6, Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, less channel right of way of St. Johns River, containing 21.75 acres, more or less;

Okeechobee County—Archie Lamb offers \$10.00 per lot, which is in excess of the appraised price, for purchase of Lots 1 to 13 inclusive, Block 1, Sloan Subdivision, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;

Okeechobee County—Hallman S. Hare offers the appraised price of \$40.00 for Lot 5, Block 6 of Wright's First Addition, Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East;

Okeechobee County—T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of C. C. Arrington, offers the appraised price of \$30.00 per lot for Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Block 61, Town of Okeechobee, Township 37 South, Range 35 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement for competitive bids of the parcels applied for in Lake and Okeechobee Counties, starting at the offers submitted.

Mr. C. H. Bourke Floyd, on behalf of Lamar Hill, makes application for a temporary permit for nine (9) months to remove a maximum of 2500 feet board measure of dead head timber in the Apalachicola River.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit issued to Mr. Hill for taking dead head timber from Apalachicola River as requested, upon payment of \$25.00, the permit to be in force for a period of nine months.

On March 20, 1956, the Trustees requested Mr. Elliot to confer with representatives from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., with reference to the Seminole Indians of Florida, and make report as to result of said conference. The following report has been submitted to each member of the Trustees and also to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions:

REPORT TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF STATE
INSTITUTIONS AND TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE
INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
RE: THE SEMINOLE INDIANS

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund March 20, 1956, a group from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., headed by Mr. Glenn M. Emmons, Commissioner, presented to the Board and to the Trustees a plan for improving the condition of the Seminole Indians in Florida.

At the close of the presentation of the matter, the Board and the Trustees directed that I confer with the group for securing further information on that proposed and that I submit a report to the said

Board and to the said Trustees thereon. I therefore report, in a preliminary way, as follows:

The over-all long range plan for improving the condition of the Seminole Indians in Florida includes as principal parts, Lands, Education, Government. The group suggests that in such plan the United States, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the State of Florida, through the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, the State Board of Education, and such other agencies as may take part in such plan, join in articulating the work and operations of the Federal and State Agencies toward effectuating a plan to that end.

L A N D

Land is the part of the over-all plan in which the State in large and essential measure may directly take part. The plan suggested is to acquire the exclusive surface use rights in land outside of the State Indian Reservation to the eastward and southward, comprising approximately 150,000 to 200,000 acres, adjoining the present State reservation. These lands are in what is called unit No. 3 of the water conservation area of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District. Title to the greater part is in the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, and to the smaller part in the State Board of Education. This area, together with that part of the State Indian Reservation lying east of the proposed Flood Control District Levee No. 28 is proposed to be the hunting and fishing grounds for the Indians. The management for that purpose is planned to be under the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. Expense of marking boundaries, posting and patrolling the area, would be borne by the United States.

Also included in the land plan is the acquisition of four or five camp or habitation sites which are favorably located and long used by the Indians for that purpose. These camp sites are small knolls of two to five acres in area, higher than the surrounding wet lands of the Big Cypress area, on which usually from five or six to ten or fifteen Indian families reside. These sites are outside of, but near, the Federal and State Reservations. Their acquisition, together with one-fourth to one section of land around them, is desired. It is believed that such areas might be acquired by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund through exchange of land.

E D U C A T I O N

That plans be developed toward providing schools on either the Federal or State Reservation, or both. These schools are proposed to be strictly Indian schools with special emphasis on teaching in the younger or lower grades those subjects applicable to the Indians and fitting in with their way of life, their traditions and customs, and gradually leading toward qualifying them for entry into the public elementary schools.

That part of the school plan specifically designed for the Indians is to be developed and operated by and at the expense of the United States, and thereafter, for those who advance, further opportunity would be afforded to those who desire to enter public schools conducted under the State public school system.

G O V E R N M E N T

Plans relating to government have advanced scarcely more than an approach to the subject, but the discussion of the same developed the following as a general outline:

That arrangements be made to establish some sort of tribunal adapted to the needs of and under the supervision of the Indians, under which minor offenses or violations characteristic of the Indians in connection with their code, precepts, traditions and uses in dealing with tribal offenses could be dealt with, but not having to do with crimes or violations under States laws. It is hoped that a plan can be developed by which recognition could be given to Indians' processes in handling matters of the kind peculiar to the Indians, such as passing of property of one to another, marriage customs, disposition of children of deceased parents, and other matters within or affecting tribal customs and traditions of a kind not within or affected by State laws, or where dealt with by the Indians in a manner deemed acceptable or not repugnant to statutory law or to our common law. If for the present, legislation goes no further than providing some sort of memorandum of understanding between the Indians and State authorities, it would be a starting point from which progress toward further treatment of the subject might be made.

The foregoing are the principal subjects discussed during our conference. Those taking part in the discussion were:

TUESDAY MORNING:

Glenn L. Emmons, Commissioner of Indian Affairs
W. Barton Greenwood, Assistant Commissioner
Clarence E. Hill, Realty Branch
M. M. Tozier, Information Officer

All from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

and

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON:

Same as above and
Millard F. Caldwell, former Governor of Florida

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON:

Same as Tuesday morning

and in addition

A. D. Aldrich, Director, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission of Florida

O. E. Frye, Assistant Director

From the subjects as above and out of my own thoughts thereon, I suggest that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions, as already being in the picture through holding in trust for the benefit of the Indians lands comprising the State Indian Reservation:

- (a) Discuss with the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that referred to under land and surface use rights exclusively for the Indians.
- (b) Discuss with the State Board of Education that referred to under Education and that under land, since that Board owns lands entering into the plan.
- (c) Discuss with former Governor Caldwell that referred to under Government.

As to the exclusive feature referred to under (a), suggested by the Washington group, my own view is that making lands available exclusively for Indian use might not fit into what would be best suited for them. It is common for Indians to act as guides to white hunters, fishermen and sight-seers at considerable benefit to themselves. Perhaps the use rights to the Indians could be made to apply as follows:

During all seasons, open to the Indians.

During the open season for hunting, open to the public for taking wild fowl only.

During the closed hunting season, not open to the public for hunting, but permitting fishing, sight-seeing, and uses other than hunting.

Prohibiting the carrying of fire arms into the area during closed season except by an Indian unaccompanied by other than an Indian.

I think it would be well to consider in connection with land use rights to the Indians, whether such use shall limit game by them to that of food for the Indians only, not for sales purposes.

There should, of course, be reserved for the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the State Board of Education the right to lease such lands for oil, gas and minerals, and subject to the further condition that the use of such lands should not interfere with the operations of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

I think that making these lands available for the use of the Indians in some practical way would be putting them to the best use of which they are susceptible and would go far toward insuring security to them by providing a source of nature's food under shrinking land

supply, diminishing fish and wild game, under the opposite trend of increasing Indian population.

The matter of land is that upon which rests to greater degree than anything else the whole plan for improving the condition of the Seminole Indians in Florida; without it, adequate provision for them would fail.

The foregoing, in a preliminary way, deals only with essentials. Till the three essentials have been disposed of, it will be of little avail to attempt to develop details of the proposed plan. Of the three essentials, land is that of which the whole can be provided by the State. The other two—education and Government—invite Federal and State cooperation.

Another matter to which the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions should give consideration, relates to the administration of the existing State Seminole Indian Reservation, the disposition of funds now held and to be received in the future, and other matters which have and will come before the Board in its dealings with the Indians.

I recommend that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions set up in the Board's office a branch or division to handle matters affecting the lands described in Chapter 17605, Acts of 1937, held in trust for the benefit of the Indians and that such personnel be employed as the Board may deem necessary, to be paid, if permissible, out of funds derived out of the administration of the land. If application of such funds to the purpose may not be made, then at the next session of the Legislature authority be requested therefor, or that a sum be appropriated out of General Revenue to the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions to cover. Also, additional legislation may be needed in connection with administering the Indian Trust lands.

Accompanying this report is a map showing the State Indian Reservation, the Federal Reservation, and the lands for which use rights are asked.

In closing, if I can be of further service I shall be glad to assist in any way I can.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. ELLIOT
Engineer and Secretary
Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund
March 29, 1956

FCE/b

The Board of Commissioners of State Institutions requests that the cost of appraisals for Capitol Center areas, privately owned, be assumed by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund. Said appraisals were authorized by the Board December 20, 1955, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize payment of \$7,500.00 appraisal fee in favor of H. Pierce Ford, realtor, George E. Zeigler, realtor, and Jack Culpepper, contractor.

Mr. Elliot reported that form of permit authorized issued to Florida Power Corporation has been examined by said company and accepted, and is ready for execution by the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that permit be executed in favor of Florida Power Corporation for making use of water from Lake Lotela at Avon Park, Florida, Highlands County.

Ray E. Ulmer of Clearwater, on behalf of O. J. Tooke and wife, requests permission to dredge a certain portion of Lake Tarpon, now known as Lake Butler, in Pinellas County, being the lake bottoms adjoining their upland property on the lake, said area to be dredged being approximately 125 feet wide by approximately 1350 feet long.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Mr. Tooke with proper conditions for protection of the lake.

Mr. Elliot reported that the cooperative agreement with the United States Geological Survey calls for expenditure of \$10,375.00 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1956, which amount includes continuation of Lake Conway studies at a cost of \$125.00. The Geological Survey requests that approval be given by the Trustees in order that the Department of the Interior may have time in advance for providing its share. The basis of participation will be

U. S. Geological Survey	50%
Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund	25%
Local Interests	25%

Local interests will not join in the Lake Conway project, this being operated on a fifty-fifty basis by the Federal Government and the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize participation in the cooperative agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1956 on the basis outlined.

Financial statements for the month of March, 1956, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of March 1, 1956	\$271,780.37
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Receipts for the Month:

Land Sales	65,141.61
Quitclaim Deeds	250.00
Fill Material	692.00
Revenue Bonds	5,456.25

Advertising Refunds	77.05	
Certified Copy of Trustees Minutes	13.00	
Campsite Lease	100.00	
Sand and Shell Leases	6,123.62	
Timber Leases	96.33	
Oil Leases	404.45	
Mineral Leases	7,932.97	
Miscellaneous Leases	325.00	
Farm Lease	300.00	
Total Receipts for the Month of March, 1956		86,912.28
GRAND TOTAL		358,692.65
Less Disbursements for the Month of		
March, 1956		128,165.82
Balance as of March 31, 1956		\$230,526.83

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
3-12-56	263477	State Treas. — Tr. to School Fund	\$ 27,015.09
	263478	State Treas.—Tr. to State Board of Conservation	5,057.48
3-13-56	265912	Southeastern Telephone Co.	146.70
	265913	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.53
	265914	Wyatt's Business Machines	1.50
	265915	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc.	2.75
	265916	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	70.68
	265917	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	1.50
	265918	E. D. Keefer	150.00
	265919	Ronnie Green	850.00
	265920	Key West Board of Realtors	182.20
	265921	A. B. Fogarty	70.00
	265922	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	16.10
3-26-56	282648	H. G. Morton	617.25
	265923	The Palm Beach Post	16.25
3-19-56	276007	Shell Oil Company	9.60
	276008	Capital Office Equipment Co. Inc	3.38
	276009	Capital Paper Company	12.35
	276010	Stuart Daily News Inc.	94.30
	276011	DeLand Sun News	18.40
	276012	The Okeechobee News	18.40
	276013	Anderson & Carr Inc.	350.00
	276014	Oklawaha Basin Recreation & Water Conserv. & Control Authority	75,000.00
	276015	City of Pahokee	12,401.10
	276016	City of Pahokee	150.00
3-23-56	281695	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	241.37
3-26-56	282649	Smith-Corona, Inc.	355.00
3-29-56	288268	Baker-Alford Company	47.49
	288269	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	4.11
	288270	The Titusville Star Advocate	18.40

	288271	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	24.15
	288272	Stuart Daily News	24.15
	288273	The Miami Herald	75.60
	288274	E. D. Keefer	450.00
3-31-56	254901	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	254902	H. G. Morton	485.90
	254903	A. R. Williams	449.33
	254904	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	254905	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	254906	M. O. Barco	387.93
	254907	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	254908	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	254909	S. Wells	361.21
	254910	C. M. Greene	49.35
	254911	R. N. Landers	27.41
	254912	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.	23.15
	254913	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
	254914	State Retirement	279.89
	254915	Federal Tax	628.90
Total Disbursements for March, 1956			\$128,165.82

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT

Balance as of March 1, 1956	\$2,875.00
Receipts	0.00
Disbursements	0.00
Balance as of March 31, 1956	\$2,875.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

March 1, 1956	\$ 4,656.50
March 19, 1956	5,795.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.....\$10,452.00

Disbursements from General Revenue:

March 9	262374	E. Hewitt	\$ 33.55
March 31	248176	E. Hewitt	373.86
	248177	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	248178	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	248179	State Retirement	26.97
	248180	Federal Tax	79.30
	289887	J. F. Cochran, Postmaster	50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH OF
MARCH, 1956\$ 854.80

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 638 listing 25 regular bids on lands under Chapter 18296; also two correction deeds approved

for issuance by the Attorney General, said deeds being Monroe County Deed No. 114-Cor. to Dan L. Navarro, and Palm Beach County Deed No. 3181-Cor. to Sarah M. Clore.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 638 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 10, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
A. R. Williams, Acting Land Agent

The following lands advertised for sale were presented for consideration:

OKALOOSA COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$10.00 an acre from J. W. Kennedy for purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 24 West, containing 80.03 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$10.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the News Journal, Crestview, Florida, on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$42.00 an acre being made by George Thomas of Laurel Hill, on behalf of W. E. Duggan and T. R. Sanderson.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$42.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Duggan and Sanderson.

UNION COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$15.00 an acre from Wallace

M. Jopling for purchase of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 5 South, Range 18 East, containing 80.68 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$15.00 and notice of sale was published in the Union County News, Lake Butler, Florida, on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$26.00 an acre being made by Joe Kelleher.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$26.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kelleher.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On March 6, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre from Edgar John Phillips, on behalf of Indian Bluff Realty Company, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in St. Joseph's Sound, in Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35, Township 27 South, Range 15 East, containing 36.7 acres, more or less, adjacent to and surrounding Indian Bluff Island, or Government Lot 3 of said Section 26, Government Lot 1 of said Section 27, Government Lot 2 of said Section 34, and Government Lot 2 of said Section 35, including an area for a causeway from the mainland. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and protest to the sale was verbally made by Paul W. Sage of Crystal Beach, claiming ownership of all of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 27 South, Range 15 East; also protesting sale of any submerged lands lying in front of Government Lot 1 of Section 35, same township and range, which Mr. Sage claims based on deed dated November 25, 1868 from the Trustees to Thomas B. Law.

Mr. Phillips stated that he has tried to work out with Mr. Sage his objections and thought everything was agreed upon. He suggests that the Trustees approve the sale, since the County Commissioners have given their approval and the proposed development has been delayed from month to month for several months; and he feels there should be no further delay since the objections are not valid. The matter has been discussed with Mr. Elliot and he thinks the protest can be worked out satisfactorily to both parties, and he will be agreeable to whatever Mr. Elliot approves.

Mr. Sage explained that he has discussed the objections with Mr. Phillips and they have agreed on certain things, but there has been nothing in writing and he doesn't want to withdraw his objections until he is protected by an instrument in writing.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Phillips'

client at the price of \$125.00 an acre, conditioned upon applicant and objector, in conference with Mr. Elliot, agreeing upon a satisfactory settlement of the protests, such settlement to be approved by Mr. Elliot in conformity with the interest of the public.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered application from the City of Edgewater, Florida, represented by George O. Sedgwick, for conveyance of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, lying easterly of and across Riverside Drive from Lots 4-R and 4-S and the easterly extension of Park Avenue, being a subdivision of the Alvarez Grant, containing 3.1 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. It was announced that the land is being conveyed without consideration and the deed will contain the restriction for "Public Purposes Only."

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the land described in favor of the City of Edgewater for public purposes only.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered application from the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, represented by Mr. Warren Blackmon, for conveyance of a parcel of submerged land in the Indian River in Section 3, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, excepting right of way for State Road A-1-A, containing 13.0 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Fort Pierce News Tribune on March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the City of Fort Pierce, without cost, the deed to contain restriction that the land shall be used for public purposes only.

Chester Smith offers five cents (5¢) per cubic yard for 220 cubic yards of sand from Lots 5 and 6, Stump Subdivision on Lake Letta, in Section 6, Township 34 South, Range 29 East, Highlands County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit in favor of Mr. Smith for taking 220 cubic yards of sand from Lake Letta upon payment of five cents per cubic yard.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land in front of adjoining upland property of applicants:

1. Marshall H. Ader, on behalf of the 1800 Bayshore Drive Corporation, offers the appraised price of \$5,110.00 per acre, or \$6,750.00, for 1.32 acres of submerged land in Section 31, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, Dade County. The City Commissioners and the County Commissioners have approved the sale.
2. L. E. Wilson, on behalf of David P. Wollowick, offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for purchase of 2.29 acres of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control District has approved the application.
3. Mr. Walter Collony offered the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for approximately 15 acres of submerged land in Boca Ciega Bay, in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, Pinellas County. This application has been pending for sometime but now has approval of the Board of Commissioners and Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority of Pinellas County as well as the State Road Department.
4. Mr. Thomas T. Cobb, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow, offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre or \$270.00 for 0.9 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the four parcels of submerged land advertised for objections only, based on the offers submitted.

General Gilbert A. Youngberg of Florida Inland Navigation District, on behalf of the United States, requests that the Trustees provide an additional area for spoiling purposes adjoining Maintenance Spoil Area L-15 on the north in lieu of that part of MSA L-15 lying in Section 22, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Elliot explained that this request results from an application made by Russell O. Morrow representing clients who own property adjacent to submerged land in Lake Worth which they desire to fill and develop, but the maintenance spoil area lies in front of the proposed development. The upland owners have already filled out to the spoil area. The Navigation District is willing to release MSA-L-15 provided the Trustees furnish an alternate location to the northward in Section 22, same township and range. Mr. Elliot recommends that before action is taken to provide the alternate location, the private owners adjacent to the proposed new spoil area be contacted to ascertain if they will have any objection.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that action be postponed and the matter referred to Mr.

Elliot to ascertain from the upland owners in Section 22, lakeward of whose property will be the new spoil area, if there will be any objection from said owners.

Hunter and Paoli, attorneys on behalf of clients Frank A. Gazze and Margaret I. Gazze, made an offer of \$300.00 an acre for deed to Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, and Lots 12 and 13, Block 4 of Seabreeze Estates, South Addition, Section 25, Township 50 South, Range 42 East, Broward County. Mr. Williams advised that the lots in this subdivision have been advertised previously and conveyance is to perfect title in the applicants. The Trustees have already cleared title in this manner to over three-fourths of the subdivision. The question as to title was brought about by accretion on one side and erosion on the other in the New River Sound area. This request was passed over at the meeting March 27, 1956.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of deed in favor of applicants at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered sale of 98 lots in Liberty Grove, a subdivision of Section 5, Township 53 South, Range 40 East, Dade County. The land was advertised for competitive bidding and the highest offer made was \$74.00 per lot by W. P. Carrin.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Carrin at the highest bid—\$74.00 per lot.

G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Mrs. Clara May Downey, offered \$200.00 an acre for 1.2 acres of submerged land adjacent to her upland property in Sections 32 and 33, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, Upper Matecumbe Key, in Monroe County. Appraisal received is \$600.00 per acre, which amount the applicant protests, since her purpose in buying is to replace the sand along the beach which has eroded during the years. Request is that the appraisal be reduced to \$200.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees decline to accept less than the appraised price for the land.

Walter Baynard, on behalf of Walter Baynard & Company of St. Petersburg, Florida, makes application to purchase all land owned by the state in certain counties along the Suwannee River and offers the appraised price as follows:

Dixie County—\$25.00 an acre for state land in Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 13 East;
 Gilchrist County—\$100.00 an acre for Government Lot 2, Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 14 East;

Gilchrist County—\$50.00 an acre for Government Lot 1, Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 14 East; and \$15.00 an acre for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 22, Township 7 South, Range 15 East; and \$20.00 an acre for SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 8 South, Range 16 East; and \$15.00 an acre for NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 20, Township 9 South, Range 16 East;

Hernando County—\$12.50 per acre for S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Government Lot 4, Section 3, Township 21 South, Range 27 East;

Levy County—\$12.50 an acre for state owned land in: Section 1, Township 14 South; Range 11 East; Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 35 and 36, Township 16 South, Range 15 East.

The Trustees expressed themselves as not being agreeable to disposal of all state owned land in the above named counties, whereupon motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offers for the reason that they are not ready to sell the land at this time.

The Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County presented a resolution adopted by its board having reference to sale of submerged lands in Palm Beach County.

Mr. Williams recommends that the Trustees adopt the procedure that any application for purchase of submerged land in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County, should be first submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of that county for consideration and approval before being accepted by the Land Agent for appraisal and/or submitting to the Trustees for further action, the Board of County Commissioners to indicate on said application either approval or disapproval.

Mr. Elliot offered the suggestion that it would be well to have the action apply to all counties.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve granting request of Palm Beach County, and also that an instrument be prepared covering this subject which will be applicable to all counties with the same circumstances and proposed instrument be brought back to the board for approval.

The Trustees having requested the Board of Directors of the Ship Canal Authority to be present today for the purpose of discussing title to Goat, or Terminal Island, in the St. Johns River, Duval County, Florida, Governor Collins explained that this tract of land lies in the St. Johns River, Duval County, and proceedings were taken by the Ship Canal authority to acquire it by title and possession supposedly under authority of statute giving the right to use and possess the property owned by the state. The Duval County Commissioners have protested this action, and the Trustees have given consideration to both groups and have requested that the Ship

Canal Authority abandon its claim and relinquish whatever rights were asserted so that title could be re-established or re-asserted in the Trustees, without any statement as to what disposition will be made of the area after its title is made secure.

The Governor stated that the Trustees are now ready to hear the representatives of the Ship Canal Authority and of the Duval County Board of County Commissioners, both agencies being represented at the meeting.

Admiral R. Malcolm Fortson, Director of the Ship Canal Authority, stated that he and R. N. Dosh, chairman of the Board of Directors, were the only members that could be present today and that Mr. Dosh will speak for the Authority. Admiral Fortson introduced representatives from Clay, Levy and Marion Counties, each of whom expressed the opinion that the project should go through and that their counties were definitely in favor of it.

Prior to hearing either delegation, J. Robert McClure, an assistant attorney general, told the Trustees that Attorney General Ervin asked him to state that he feels an attempt should be made to have the Ship Canal Authority reconvey to the Trustees whatever interest it claims and if that cannot be accomplished that the Trustees should enter proper proceedings to perfect title in the state.

Mr. Dosh, speaking for the Ship Canal Authority, presented a written statement of their position, as follows:

"1. We re-affirm our opinion that the property platted as Terminal Island in the St. Johns River is necessary for carrying out the provisions of the Act, creating and incorporating the Ship Canal Authority, and will be essential to the effective operation of the Cross Florida Barge Canal which has the approval of the Congress of the United States.

We respectively state to your honorable board that the Canal Authority acted in good faith, under provisions of Section 8 of the act setting up the Florida Ship Canal Authority, in claiming possession of the property, and in taking the necessary steps to have it surveyed, platted and recorded with the Secretary of State as required by said Section 8.

2. We have been advised by legal counsel that our duties and responsibilities are such that we have no authority to abandon the property since it has become a part of our capital assets structure, which is described in detail in the statute under which the Canal Authority functions.

3. We have made a sincere effort to reach an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County for a division of the property, offering to relinquish a two-thirds interest in the island to the said board, with no success.

4. We are willing and very desirous of resolving the controversy which has developed over the property, which

we very much regret. We come before you today at your request to discuss a situation which has become embarrassing to all parties interested, in the hope that some solution can be reached whereby the ownership of Terminal Island can be definitely established in order that its orderly development may be carried forward.

The Board Members of this Corporation are all of the opinion that it would be unfortunate if it became necessary to resort to litigation. They feel that no one would benefit in such a course and, as a matter of fact, such a course is not necessary in order to reach a proper and realistic solution to the problem.

It is believed that when a decision has been reached as to a fair distribution of the property, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Directors of the Canal Authority could then agree upon a method of conveyance which would carry with it unquestioned title to the property.

April 10, 1956"

Mr. Dosh also read Article III, Section 25 and Article XVI, Section 16 of the Constitution of the State of Florida, granting special rights and privileges to the Ship Canal Authority; also he read Section 8 of Chapter 16176, Laws of Florida, Acts of 1933, "authorizing said corporation to procure rights of way and other property by condemnation and otherwise, and giving said corporation the right to take and use certain state lands for such purposes."

The references to the State Constitution and the legislative act of 1933 were discussed.

Admiral Fortson explained the organization of the Ship Canal Authority, its right under state laws to acquire public land, which land may be used to secure funds for administration of the Authority. He stated that the law prohibits any funds of General Revenue being used for purposes of the Authority, and that the total cost of constructing, maintaining and operating the canal and canal system and paying expenses shall be derived exclusively from income from the property of the corporation, sale of property of the corporation and proceeds of loans. He also outlined the manner in which the canal will be constructed, the participation by the several counties through which the canal will be constructed, and the prospect for receiving Federal Funds.

Governor Collins asked if the Canal Authority proposes to use Goat Island for actual physical use of the operations of the canal or for the purpose of marketing the land for funds with which to defray expenses. Mr. Fortson replied this area is wanted both to develop the terminal and port facilities for water transportation and also to be used as capital. It is contemplated that the Authority will request Congress to provide funds for construction of the canal. This they proposed to accomplish through the Corps of Engineers. Acquisition of property by the Authority and its management was

outlined and the revenue received therefrom. Mr. Fortson stated that the authority plans to develop the Goat Island area and sell sites for industrial plants; that the Authority feels that it could work out something with Duval County but has been unable to do so as yet. They hope the Trustees will assist in arriving at some solution of the problem without litigation.

Governor Collins read a telegram from Congressman Charles E. Bennett, urging that immediate consideration be given to a sound financing of the administration of the canal authority. Also, another telegram to Admiral Fortson from A. B. Folks, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, recommending that the Authority's first step in canal construction be to dredge out Withlacoochee River from the Gulf to Dunellon.

Mr. Dosh stated that a sincere effort has been made to work with the Duval County Commissioners on joint interest in the island, but with no success so far.

J. Henry Blount, attorney for the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, stated that the county has the financial ability to develop Goat Island as an industrial area and as a port for that area. They came over today as observers and were under the impression that the Ship Canal Authority would explain why they have not deeded the land back to the state. He furnished information as to how much Duval County has contributed over the years to the Ship Canal Authority, and stated that the Authority has suggested that Duval County furnish \$30,000.00 annually until the appropriation is made available by Congress.

Mr. Warren of the Duval County delegation told the Trustees that the county is interested in providing industrial sites for bringing new industries to Florida and urges that the Trustees take legal action to vest title of this island in the State.

Governor Collins stated that the question before the Trustees is whether or not the property has been lawfully acquired by the Ship Canal Authority, and if not, to have it returned to the state. The Attorney General has raised serious legal questions as to the soundness of the proceedings taken in obtaining this land, and it would seem the only way to clarify the question of ownership is in the courts.

Admiral Fortson stated there were only two agencies that could have any claim to the land—the Trustees and the Canal Authority—and he believes that it can be settled by the two agencies without litigation.

Motion was made by Comptroller Green, seconded by State Treasurer Larson and adopted, that the Attorney General be authorized to go into this matter with the Ship Canal Authority and if necessary, to go into the courts to determine ownership of Goat Island (Terminal Island). It was so ordered.

Dade County Conservation Council requests that the Trustees hold a public hearing in Miami in connection with leases issued by the City of Miami to private concerns covering areas on Watson Island. Also, Mr. Elliot presented a letter from the City of Miami with information that the four leases heretofore approved by the Trustees are not in effect at this time, and the parties occupying the areas are doing so on a month to month basis as tenants-at-will subject to 30 days notice to vacate.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees request the Attorney General to assign an assistant in his office to confer with Mr. Elliot and, if deemed necessary to hold a hearing, that they go to Miami and hold a public hearing on this subject, and that publicity be given of said meeting.

Mr. Elliot presented application from the City of Melbourne, Florida, for permission to take water from Lake Washington in the St. Johns River Valley for municipal purposes. A part of the city's program will be to furnish water to adjoining incorporated areas desiring to purchase water, and also to users in unincorporated areas.

Mr. Elliot stated that he believes the plan of the city can be carried out without injury to the lake or interference with plans of Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District. He recommended that the Trustees approve the request subject to approval being concurred in by Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the application be approved conditioned upon concurrence of the Flood Control District as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

Letter was presented from Attorney General Ervin giving an opinion on the question of whether or not the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have authority to grant lease or permit to the City of Pahokee, Florida, of the lands lying in Lake Okeechobee underneath the breakwater facility. The opinion holds that the Trustees do have authority to grant such permit to the City of Pahokee.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Elliot be requested to prepare a form of permit to be submitted to the Attorney General and to the City of Pahokee, and if satisfactory, that said permit be then presented to the Trustees for approval.

The following action was taken at a joint meeting of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund and Board of Commissioners of State Institutions in connection with report made by Mr. Terry Lee, Coordinator of State Institutions:

LIBERTY BELL MONUMENT—COMMITTEE REPORT

The Coordinator read to the Board the following report by the Comptroller, Chairman of Committee appointed to make recommendations regarding a suitable location and monument to house a replica of the Liberty Bell:

“As Chairman of your Committee on the placing of a replica for the Liberty Bell your Committee has met with the Committee from the different Veteran organizations and would like to recommend that an Architect be employed to make a sketch of a building suitable for the placing of this bell in such a position that it might be seen by the many visitors who visit the Capitol.

“The Committee further recommends that a location be selected on the visitor’s parking lot for this building.”

Without objection the Board authorized the Internal Improvement Board to supply the necessary fund for construction of a monument to house a replica of the Liberty Bell, and authorized the same committee to engage the services of an Architect to give his recommendations for location and type of structure suitable to house said Liberty Bell.

 SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Hernando County—Robert C. Page and wife make application for conveyance under Chapter 28317 of 1953—the Hardship Act—of approximately 26.75 acres of land in Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 20 East, for which they offer \$66.87.

Mr. Elliot advised that all requirements of law have been complied with and he recommends that conveyance be made to applicants upon payment of \$5.00 an acre, or \$133.75, which is the minimum price under the rules.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$66.87 and make counter proposal to convey the land under Chapter 28317 upon payment of \$5.00 an acre.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

April 24, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated March 13, 14, 20, 27 and April 3, 1956, with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported a number of sales advertised to be held on this date as follows:

DADE COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$15.00 per lot from Jules Pearlman for purchase of 395 lots located in Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, West Miami Park, Section "B," a subdivision in Section 26, Township 53 South, Range 39 East, containing approximately 40 acres, consisting of 25 x 100 foot lots. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$15.00 per lot, and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells announced that he has received a higher bid of \$20.25 per lot from Peter Bluesten and Company of Miami, Florida.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$46.00 per lot being offered by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$46.00 per lot and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

COLLIER COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$10.00 an acre from Nolan Popenhagen for purchase of the S½ of NW¼ of Section 24, Township 51 South, Range 32 East, containing 80 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids starting at \$10.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he has received a bid of \$20.00 an acre from John T. Marich of Gary, Indiana, and bidding will start at that amount.

Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$30.00 an acre from Bernard M. Shotkin.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$30.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Shotkin.

LEE COUNTY—On March 6, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre from Carl A. Norberg for purchase of

Government Lot 2, Section 23—10.02 acres

Government Lot 1, Section 14—35.64 acres

Government Lot 2, Section 14—32.46 acres

Government Lot 2, Section 13—23.04 acres

containing a total of 101.16 acres, more or less, lying and being in Township 46 South, Range 22 East.

The land was advertised for competitive bids, with a starting offer of \$150.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Fort Myers News Press on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells submitted a bid of \$305.00 an acre received from Alan Cross of Miami before the meeting. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$306.00 an acre from Carl A. Norberg.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$306.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Norberg.

BREVARD COUNTY—On March 6, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$500.00 an acre from Lloyd Campbell, on behalf of Laycock Brevard Company, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River in Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 36 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Water Lot 3 of Derby's Addition to the City of Cocoa, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Star Advocate of Titusville, Florida, on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$500.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Laycock Brevard Company.

MANATEE COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$130.00 an acre from D. G. Haley, on behalf of Dile Realty Company, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tampa Bay in Section 2, Township 34 South, Range 17 East, and Section 35, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, lying westerly and northwesterly of Government Lot 1 of said Section 2, and Government Lots 1 and 2 of said Section 35, containing 50.14 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$130.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Dile Realty Company.

MANATEE COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered application from Florida Development Commission for conveyance, without cost and without restrictions, of approximately 15 acres of submerged land at Piney Point in Tampa Bay, Section 1, Township 33 South, Range 17 East. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that objections have been filed by Louis Leibovit, on behalf of Harry and Lillian Lampel, and by James M. Wallace, on behalf of Douglas L. and Katherine T. Crane, who claim to be the adjacent upland owners.

Mr. Elliot reported that he a phone call from Mr. Turner Butler, requesting that the Trustees pass this matter and refer it to the Attorney General.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on this sale be passed and the matter referred to the Attorney General.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On March 6, 1956, the Trustees considered application from Leo Butler, on behalf of the City of Dunedin, for conveyance of a tract of submerged land in St. Joseph Sound, the description of which commences at the northeast corner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 15 East, extending from the City of Dunedin to Caladesi Island, to be used for causeway purposes. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the conveyance.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the submerged land described to the City of Dunedin without cost, the deed to contain the Public Purpose Clause.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered application from Leo Butler, on behalf of the City of Dunedin, for deed to 84 acres, more or less, of sovereignty land formerly described as Government Lot 3 in Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 15 East. The land was advertised for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that no objections have been filed to the sale; also that this land was deeded to the City of Dunedin by Trustees' Deed No. 19077 dated July 30, 1945, as swamp and overflowed land, and it now appears that all land embraced in Government Lot 3 is sovereignty land, and the land was advertised for objections only as required by law.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of the City Dunedin to the land described.

MONROE COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered three offers of the appraised price from the following applicants for purchase of submerged land adjacent to their upland ownerships:

1. Application from Bernie C. Papy with offer of \$300.00 an acre for 7.74 acres, and \$100.00 an acre for 3.90 acres of submerged land in Long Key Sound in Sections 33 and 34, Township 64 South, Range 35 East.
2. Application from Emmet E. Crowson with offer of \$125.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel, in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, lying East of and adjacent to Lot 18, Barry Beach Subdivision, containing 1.0 acre, more or less.
3. Application from J. Frank Roberts with offer of \$125.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida, in Section 22, Township 67 South, Range 26 East, lying northerly of Square 3 of Jacksonville Subdivision on Big Coppitt Key, containing 3.96 acres, more or less.

The three parcels of land were advertised for objections only as required by law, and notices of sale were published, two in the Coral Tribune and one in the Key West Citizen, on March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the three parcels and reported that no objections have been filed to any of the sales.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers made and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Papy, Crowson and Roberts to the parcels of land applied for by each.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On February 28, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$400.00 per acre, or a minimum of \$100.00 per parcel, for four small parcels of submerged land in Indian River North, in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, submitted by the following persons:

1. Robert H. Matthews, on behalf of Fred Wagner—a parcel lying northeasterly from and across Riverside Drive from the South 148 feet of the East 605 feet of Lot 18, Mendel's Homestead, containing 1.35 acres, more or less;
2. James G. Duff applied for a parcel lying northeasterly from and across Riverside Drive from the South 118 feet of Block 13, Totem Park, containing 1.06 acres, more or less;
3. H. H. Hatch applied for a parcel lying northeasterly from and across Riverside Drive from Lots 1 and 2, Block 10, Totem Park, containing 0.92 of an acre, more or less;
4. Clifton E. Mosher applied for a parcel lying northeasterly from and across Riverside Drive from Lots 66-C and 67 Fernald & Chadwicks Replat of Hawks Park, containing 0.24 of an acre, more or less.

The land was advertised for objections only as required by law, and notice of sale was published in the Deland Sun News on March 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office. Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to any of the sales.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$400.00 where the acreage is one acre or more, and \$100.00 where the acreage is less than one acre, and confirm sale in favor of applicants.

The following applications were presented for purchase of land which it is recommended be advertised for competitive bids:

Dade County—Leonard Ross, on behalf of Universal Builders, Inc., offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for the W½ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, containing 320 acres, more or less;

Monroe County—Charles Wood of Dothan, Alabama, offers the appraised price for:

Government Lot 1, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, 1.23 acres—\$300.00 an acre;

Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, 1.80 acres—\$300.00 an acre;

Government Lot 5, Section 9, Township 67 South, Range 27 East, 10.19 acres—\$200.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for competitive bids the lands applied for by Mr. Ross and Mr. Wood, starting with the offers submitted.

The following applications were submitted for purchase of submerged areas adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. Volusia County—Lilian M. Morse offers the appraised price of \$500.00 an acre for 2.4 acres of land in Indian River North, adjacent to upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.
2. Monroe County—Everett Kinsman offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for 1 acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property on Little Torch Key, in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East.
3. Sarasota County—A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Virginia Hood and John Frederick Gottfried, offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for two small parcels of submerged land adjacent to their upland in Sarasota Bay, Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. (Applicants understand deeds will carry restriction as to filling except with consent of the Board of County Commissioners.)
4. Sarasota County—John R. Wood, on behalf of Raymond J. Kengott and Elizabeth M. Kengott, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 1.033 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East. (The Board of County Commissioners recommends restriction that the area be not filled beyond a straight line intersecting the southwest property line at a point 225 feet from the shoreline and the northwest property line at a point 125 feet from the shoreline.)
5. Monroe County—Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of J. M. Renedo, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land adjacent to Lot 23, Square 46 on Stock Island, Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, 1.3 acres.
6. Martin County—Kenneth P. Foster offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, containing 0.5 of an acre, more or less.
7. Martin County—Kenneth P. Foster, on behalf of Lewis B. Bills, offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for a parcel of submerged land in the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River, in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, containing 10.9 acres, more or less.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the seven (7) parcels of submerged land for objections only, based on the offers submitted.

The State Road Department makes application for easements across state owned land as follows:

Dade County—Easement deed for right of way over certain submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, Section 4, Township 54 South, Range 42 East, necessary in connection with State Road A-1-A, Section 8706-202.

Sarasota County—Perpetual easement for right of way and temporary easement for dredging area in Sarasota Bay, Sections 24, 25 and 26, Township 36 South, Range 17 East, necessary in connection with State Road No. 780, Section 1703-175.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant requests from the State Road Department and authorize the easements across the lands designated.

Mrs. Allan Kissam of Orlando, Florida, on behalf of herself and Frank I. and George W. Anderson, agrees to pay \$300.00 an acre for three parcels of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, Orange County, adjacent to lots owned by them in Section 18, Township 23 South, Range 30 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offers submitted and authorize sale at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre—without advertisement.

Mr. Wells reported that Treasure Island Properties, Inc., purchased a tract of submerged land comprising 11.42 acres in Monroe County, conveyed by Deed No. 20689 dated June 21, 1954. In the preparation of the plat submitted by applicant on which the sale was based, the engineer failed to show that other riparian owners were involved and had rights therein.

Mr. Ignatius Lester, on behalf of other riparian owners adjoining this tract, has filed complaint and it is recommended that the Attorney General be requested to join in the suit to declare the deed invalid, at no cost to the Trustees.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Attorney General be requested to join in the suit as recommended by the Land Agent for the purpose of having the deed declared invalid.

M. R. McDonald, representing the owner of property bordering on Lake Jackson, a meandered lake in Highlands County, advises that a fisherman has located two docks or boathouses at a street end on the lake and is carrying on the business of leasing boats. Mr. McDonald requests that the Trustees, as owners of the lake, order discontinuance of the business and removal of the docks or boat houses.

Without objection the matter was referred to the Attorney General with request that he notify trespasser to get off the lake and if necessary take legal action, at no cost to Trustees.

T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of W. I. Holt, offers the appraised price of \$30.00 for Lot 9, Block 4, South Okeechobee, Okeechobee County. Also, Mr. G. C. Durrance, on behalf of the City of Okeechobee, makes application to purchase said Lot 9 at a reasonable price. He advises that Lot 8 of said Block 4 was purchased by E. H. Walker and when he had the lot surveyed preparatory to building his home thereon, he found that a paved city street ran across a portion of the property. The city is faced with the problem of repaving this street or making some other arrangement satisfactory to Mr. Walker and the city applies to purchase Lot 9 and exchange it with Mr. Walker in order to avoid the expense of re-routing and repaving the street.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to donate Lot 9, Block 4, to the City of Okeechobee without cost, for working out the situation explained in connection with relocating and paving a city street.

Earl D. Farr, Punta Gorda, Florida, on behalf of Charlotte Properties, Inc., holder of Mineral Lease No. 935, makes application for an extension of three to five years on said lease which expires May 5, 1956.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize extension of two years on Lease No. 935, upon payment of \$25.00 per annum.

Mr. Elliot reported that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund have \$400,000.00 of United States Treasury bonds falling due April 26, 1956. The Trustees have cash on hand \$230,000.00 with outstanding commitments of \$180,000.00. Mr. Elliot recommends that the Trustees reinvest \$400,000.00 and add \$100,000.00 for purchasing \$500,000.00 of United States Treasury short term bonds—2 to 5 years maturity—with a yield basis of three percent (3%).

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize purchase of \$500,000.00 of U. S. Treasury bonds as recommended by Mr. Elliot.

Mr. Elliot reported as information that two suits have been filed within the thirty (30) days granted in connection with protests filed to sale of Manatee County land applied for by Walter P. Fuller, on behalf of Manuel E. Cowen. Said suits are designated as follows:

Nina Washburn vs. LeRoy Collins, et al., composing Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Summons served April 12, 1956

Walter H. Woodward, Attorney for plaintiff.

William E. and Pauline M. White vs. LeRoy Collins, et al., composing Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Summons served April 12, 1956

J. Kenneth Ballinger, Attorney for plaintiff.

Mr. Elliot requested authority for issuance of warrant in amount of \$4,000.00 in favor of William Budd as advancement on beach erosion experiment. The Trustees heretofore agreed to participate in the experiment and an agreement has been prepared and approved by the Attorney General's office and is now ready for execution by the Trustees, by the Experiment Station of the University of Florida, said agreement having already been signed by Mr. Budd.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of warrant in amount of \$4000.00 in favor of Mr. Budd; also that the agreement as approved by the Attorney General's Office be executed by the Trustees.

F. C. Leffingwell, on behalf of Rea Construction Company, Inc., of Charlotte, North Carolina, requests permission to dredge an area at Cabana Point, Martin County, at the South Fork of the Saint Lucie River.

Mr. Elliot explained that Rea Construction Company has a contract with the Toll Highway and desires to construct a plant in connection with surfacing the road; also, that the representative of the owner of Cabana Point, A. E. Cabana, and Frank Blackstone, adjacent upland owners, have given consent to the dredging and filling.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees interpose no objection to granting by the U. S. District Engineer Office of a permit to do the work described.

Letter was presented from eleven (11) owners of land on Lake Jackson, Leon County, protesting the fencing or leasing of any area on Ford Arm of Lake Jackson; that the lake basin has been fenced without a lease from the state or permission from the upland owners.

Mr. Elliot referred to a Florida Supreme Court opinion in the case of Broward vs. Mabry, which fixed the status of Lake Jackson as a navigable body of water, to be held in trust by the state for all the people of the state but with no title given to land under navigable waters to the riparian owner.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that parties fencing the lake or putting in posts be notified that they are trespassing and to stop such operations and remove the fence and posts.

Upon discussion of the subject of raising bids for sale of land by the Trustees, motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and carried that hereafter when land is offered for competitive bidding, no raise in bid of less than one dollar (\$1.00) will be accepted.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and bills be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary.....	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist.....	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer.....	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor.....	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney.....	250.00
M. O. Barco, Clerk-Secretary.....	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Clerk-Secretary.....	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer.....	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent.....	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent.....	52.50
J. Edwin Larson—	
Transfer 3% to General Revenue.....	8,501.53
J. Edwin Larson—	
Transfer to State School Fund.....	16,919.89
J. Edwin Larson—	
Transfer to State Board of Conservation.....	5,275.95
A. R. Williams—Expenses as Ass't Eng'r.....	55.65
H. Pierce Ford, George E. Zeigler, Jack Culpepper—For appraisal of Capitol Center property	7,500.00
John D. Moriarty—Expenses as Ass't Attorney General	117.48
Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel vouchers.....	15.16
Earl R. Adams, CCC Monroe County—For deposit re suit for cancellation Deed 20689.....	2,284.00
E. B. Leatherman, CCC Dade County—	
Del. taxes	465.01
Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.85
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota—Appraisal.....	45.00
Anderson & Carr, Inc., West Palm Beach—	
Appraisal	75.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal.....	125.00
The Clearwater Sun—Advertising land sale.....	16.87
Okaloosa News-Journal, Crestview—	
Advertising land sale.....	12.65
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	75.00
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.....	5.48
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.....	4.76
Standard Oil Company, Jacksonville, Fla.....	7.99
The Okeechobee News—Adv. land sale.....	18.40
Stuart Daily News—Adv. land sale.....	13.80
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce—Appraisal.....	25.00
J. E. Pierce Realty Co., Daytona Beach—	
Appraisal	40.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal.....	70.00
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg—Appraisal.....	260.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla.—Appraisals.....	600.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal.....	217.50
City of Cocoa—Refund of overpayment, Deed 21165	18.60
R. N. Landers, Maid.....	29.16
TOTAL	\$47,432.56

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 639 was presented listing 836 regular bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296; also issuance of Hillsborough County Deed No. 40-Duplicate, in lieu of original deed which was reported lost before recording.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 639 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Pasco County—Charles F. Touchton makes application for deed under provisions of Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953, for conveying Lot 8, Block 9, Jessamine Drive Estates, in Section 20, Township 24 South, Range 21 East, for which he offers \$5.00.

Mr. Elliot reported that the application is in order and recommends conveyance upon payment of \$10.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that conveyance of the lot be authorized in favor of Mr. Touchton at a price of \$10.00.

St. Johns County—Mrs. Carrie L. Gerrish makes application for deed under Chapter 28317, Acts of 1953—the Hardship Act—for which she offers one-fourth of the 1932 assessed value, or \$75.00. Information was furnished by the Clerk of the Circuit Court that Mrs. Gerrish is a widow 80 years old and has had to borrow the amount necessary to pay up the taxes on this property—\$391.27.

Upon discussion of the case, action was postponed on the application and Mr. Elliot was requested to get in touch with the Clerk and suggest that a regular sale be held for this lot with result to be reported to the Trustees for consideration.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Citrus and Gadsden Counties, as approved by the Attorney General's office, said certificates having vested no title in the state to the land covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$ 449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67

TOTAL	\$ 771.25
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Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 1, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated April 10 and 24, 1956, were presented with information that copies have been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented offer of \$20.00 an acre, the appraised value, for the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 17 West, containing 79.94 acres more or less, in Walton County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$20.00 an acre.

Edward J. Hanlon, Jr., on behalf of Edward H. and Jeannette C. Vick, and Mary H. Dale and Neil A. Dale, request permission to carry on dredging operations in Lake Apopka, Orange County. It was explained that the submerged lands lie immediately adjacent to property of applicants previously deeded to them by the Trustees. It is anticipated that approximately 5000 yards of sand will be dredged from the lake and placed on their property to fill in a muddy area.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize dredging of the sand from Lake Apopka as requested, the sand to be placed on adjacent property of applicants.

G. B. Fishback, on behalf of John Q. Harrison and Evelyn Corbett Harrison, makes application to purchase two small parcels of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Conway, adjacent to their upland property in Section 24, Township 23 South, Range 29 East, comprising 0.38 of an acre, more or less, in Orange County. Mr. Wells stated that the usual charge for this type land is \$300.00 an acre, or a minimum price of \$100.00 for the parcel.

May 1, 1956

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance to applicants of the two parcels at the usual price, without advertising.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands adjoining upland property of applicants:

G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Thomas Gordon and Winifred M. Gordon, offers \$125.00 for 0.41 of an acre adjacent to their upland property on Summerland Key, Section 36, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, and Section 1, Township 67 South, Range 28 East, Monroe County. (Appraisal of adjacent parcel was on the basis of \$200.00 an acre, or \$100.00 minimum.)

Frank L. Parker applies for two small parcels of submerged land in Lemon Bay adjacent to his upland in Sections 9 and 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, comprising 0.96 of an acre, more or less, in Sarasota County. Mr. Parker offers \$100.00 for the two small parcels, which is equal to appraisal of \$100.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the parcels of submerged land in Monroe and Sarasota Counties, based on the offers submitted.

General Gilbert A. Youngberg, on behalf of Florida Inland Navigation District, requests conveyance of an area in Lake Worth, in Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County, for a perpetual spoil deposit area designated as MSA-LW-9-B.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel applied for to be used as a maintenance spoil area.

E. W. Gautier, on behalf of Hugh J. Oliver, offers the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre for 48.2 acres of submerged and semi-submerged lands in Sections 16 and 17, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, Volusia County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids and objections, with a starting bid of \$225.00 an acre.

The State Road Department makes application for an easement on submerged lands in Tomoka River for the purpose of four-laning State Road No. 5, Section 7903-175, Volusia County. The land is located in George Anderson Grant, Section 38, and Thomas Fitch Grant, Section 39, Township 14 South, Range 32 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement executed in favor of the State Road Department covering the right of way requested.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the State Land Use and Control Commission that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make available the amount of \$3,000.00 for expenses of the Commission through June 30, 1956. A tentative budget of \$3,000.00 was approved by the Commission at its organizational meeting April 24, 1956, and the Budget Commission is being requested to release this amount.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorize expenditure of \$3,000.00 by the State Land Use and Control Commission for expenses of said Commission through June 30, 1956, said expenses to be processed through the office of the Trustees in regular manner as other bills of the department.

Mr. Elliot brought to the attention of the Trustees a letter dated April 28, 1956, from Mr. Mercer Brown, Chairman of the State Land Use and Control Commission, in which it was requested "That the Commission ask the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

- "(a) That all applications now pending for the purchase of submerged lands be processed in the normal manner;
- "(b) That the Trustees suspend receiving further applications from May 1, 1956 forward, except in such instances where the Trustees feel it would be in the public interest to make a sale."

After discussion of the subject no objection was made to that stated under (a).

As to that stated under (b), the action of the Trustees was as follows:

"In view of the study now being made by the new State Land Use and Control Commission, no new applications for the sale of state lands shall be processed to sale except in cases where it clearly appears that the public interest is not adversely affected. It is the purpose of this action to suspend additional sales where feasible until the work of the Commission is advanced to the point of recommending permanent policies regarding the disposition of state lands."

Governor Collins suggested that the State Land Use and Control Commission be invited to have one of its members represent the Commission and examine all pending applications and make any recommendations they feel should be made in the public interest.

Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District requests conveyance of a parcel of land for right of way for Levee L-24 (Miami

Canal) in Tracts 1 and 2, Section 4, Township 45 South, Range 35 East, containing 0.8 of an acre in Palm Beach County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel requested in favor of Central and Southern Florida Flood Control District, without cost to the District.

Request was made for authority to incur expense up to \$200.00 for making field examination of submerged bottoms east of New Smyrna in connection with application from Anderson C. Bouchelle and Associates for purchase of approximately 1000 acres of land in Volusia County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the expenditure of \$200.00 as requested.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 640 was presented listing twenty-four (24) regular bids for the sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 640 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The Board of County Commissioners of Clay County makes application for conveyance of Lots 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 26 and 28, Block 29 Lake Geneva, Clay County. The lots contain a considerable amount of clay which the county desires to use for maintenance of county roads.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant an easement to Clay County covering the lots described, with provisions for the State Road Department to take material from the land if desired.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in Taylor County certificate No. 62 of 1924, the Attorney General's office having advised that the state acquired no title by virtue of said certificate.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 15, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
 Ray E. Green, Comptroller
 J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
 Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
 Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
 Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented minutes of the Trustees dated May 1, 1956, with information that copy has been furnished each member of the board.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells reported that sales were advertised to be held May 8, 1956, but a quorum of the Trustees not being present on that date the following sales were called out in the board room and action thereon postponed until this date.

1. POLK COUNTY—On March 6, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from J. B. Haviser for purchase of all that part of the NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 26, Township 30 South, Range 26 East, which lies outside of an unnamed lake, containing 2 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Lakeland Ledger on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and stated that he has received a bid of \$76.00 an acre from Irvin Garten, which was the highest offer made.

Upon consideration of the bid reported, motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer from Mr. Garten and dedicate the parcel to public use.

2. BREVARD COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre from C. S. Smith, Jr., on behalf of Cocoa Ocean Beach Company, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Banana River in Sections 27 and 34, Township 24 South, Range 37 East, excepting the north 345 feet thereof and Block 44 of Cocoa Ocean Beach Subdivision, containing 61 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Titusville Star Advocate on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and

May 4, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called the description of the land out on date of sale and no objections were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$125.00 an acre for the land and confirm sale in favor of Cocoa Ocean Beach Company as adjacent upland owner.

3. MONROE COUNTY—On March 13, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$1500.00 an acre, or \$855.00, from Howard E. Wilson, on behalf of Claude A. Gandolfo and himself, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Bay of Florida adjacent to the Island of Key West, in Township 67 South, Range 25 East, containing 0.57 of an acre. The land was advertised for objections only as required by law and notice of sale was published in the Key West Coral Tribune on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1956, with sale to be held on May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out on the date advertised and no objections were received.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1500.00 an acre, or \$855.00, and confirm sale in favor of Howard E. Wilson and Claude Gandolfo as adjacent upland owners.

4. MONROE COUNTY—On March 13, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from Franklin J. Kalteaux, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Tavernier Creek in Section 4, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, containing 12 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Coral Tribune on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on date of sale and reported no objections had been filed.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land described in favor of Mr. Kalteaux at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

5. MONROE COUNTY—On May 13, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from William R. Neblett, on behalf of the Thompson Estate, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Cow Key Channel, Townships 67 and 68 South, Range 25 East, commencing at the intersection of the center line of Flagler Avenue extended easterly and the easterly right of way line of Roosevelt Boulevard, containing 22.18 acres, more or less.

The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in Key West Citizen on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objections were filed to the sale by the City of Key West and Mr. Ignatius Lester of Key West.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the land applied for by the Thompson Estate.

6. MONROE COUNTY—On March 13, 1956, the Trustees considered application from William R. Neblett, on behalf of the City of Key West, for deed to a parcel of submerged land on the Island of Key West, beginning at the northwest corner of Block 6, Tract 16 of the Island of Key West, which said point is also the point of intersection of the south line of South Street and the East line of Whitehead Street, containing 11.48 acres, more or less; the said land to provide a beach site and recreational area for colored citizens. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and stated that objections have been filed to the sale by the United States Department of the Navy and by Mr. Julius Stone, on behalf of himself and other adjacent owners.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees decline to sell the parcel to the City of Key West.

7. PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$75.00 an acre from Florida Power Corporation for purchase of an area of submerged land in Tampa Bay in parts of unsurveyed Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 30 South, Range 17 East, lying easterly of Weedon Island and southerly of a line parallel to and 750 feet from Gandy Boulevard, and extending southerly to the south line of Section 22 extended easterly, containing 653 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 6, 13, 20, 27 and May 4, 1956, with sale to be held May 8, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land on the date advertised and stated that numerous objections were filed to the sale.

Mr. Wells reported that notice was sent to all interested parties and to those protesting the sale that an oral discussion on the matter would be held May 15, 1956; that he does not consider any of the

objections come within the legal definition and recommends that said objections be not considered as valid.

Mr. W. J. Clapp, Mr. Hugh K. McKean, Mr. Dick Judy, Mr. Joel Rogers and Mr. Paul Shelley, representing Florida Power Corporation were present. Upon inquiry, it was ascertained that there was no one present representing the parties protesting the sale.

The Trustees discussed the question of whether or not the entire area applied for is necessary for development of the proposed expansion by Florida Power Corporation, and whether or not the acreage, in excess of the 93 acres on which it is proposed to construct the plant, will later be sold as industrial property or will it be retained by the company to be utilized for its own purposes.

Mr. Elliot reported that he has read the transcript of the hearing held April 19, 1956 by Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority on the application of Florida Power Corporation to purchase the submerged area and dredge and fill the same, in the vicinity of Weedon's Island. A statement from the examiner for the Pinellas Authority is filed with the Trustees, giving reasons for approval of the application; that the protests are principally from nearby residents objecting to the fumes and smoke, and some from fishermen, many of whom are not residents of Florida, on the basis of temporary inconvenience in fishing. There will be only slight disturbance of the waters during dredging operations. In view of transcript of the hearing and the statement from the examiner, Mr. Elliot does not see that the objections are sufficient to overcome the advantages or benefits to accrue to the public from the proposed improvement.

Mr. Elliot also read a telegram from Mr. Mercer Brown, chairman of the State Land Use and Control Commission, advising that the Commission has not discussed the application from the Power Corporation, but that he is familiar with their plans and believes that it is in the public interest that the sale to Florida Power Corporation for a public utility be effected.

Attorney General Ervin asked for information as to whether the Power Corporation intends filling the submerged lands and selling it off as a subdivision, or whether the entire tract will be retained and used by the company for its own purposes.

Mr. Clapp replied that approximately 93 acres of the area will be filled, which will constitute the plant site, and it is not intended that the company will fill and utilize the remainder of the area. The main concern is to control the submerged bottoms around the 93 acres so the investment will not be jeopardized in the future by filling of the bottoms by other interests and building fingers out into the water, which would seriously handicap the operation of the plant in use of water from the submerged land for filter purposes; that they do not intend filling anything but the 93 acres, but will need to take the fill from the submerged bottoms to fill the upland.

With the understanding that the submerged land surrounding or adjacent to the 93 acres to be filled as the plant site, will not be

filled or disposed of as industrial sites, or subdivided and sold into private ownership, the Trustees expressed a willingness to approve sale in favor of the applicant; also that there will be no objection to applicant taking fill material from the submerged lands for filling the 93 acres.

Motion was made by Attorney General Ervin that sale of the land described be confirmed in favor of Florida Power Corporation at the price offered—\$75.00 an acre—subject to inclusion in the deed of a covenant that the submerged area, other than the 93 acres, shall not be filled except with the express approval and consent of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Mr. Wells asked for information as to whether the action taken by the Trustees April 10, 1956, withdrawing from sale all state owned land in Citrus, Levy, Gilchrist, Dixie and Hernando Counties, was intended to decline applications from individuals for purchase of small parcels.

Without objections it was agreed that the former action was not intended to exclude applications from individuals desiring to purchase small parcels of land in those counties.

Resolution was presented from the City of Miami requesting an appointment to come before the Trustees with application for conveyance to the city of all submerged lands lying north of Venetian Causeway, within the city limits, to be used for municipal purposes. Objections to the city's request have been filed by Mrs. Henry O. Shaw, chairman, advisory board of the Miami Woman's Club.

Mr. Wells was requested to arrange a date for representatives of the City of Miami to present the application to the Trustees.

J. L. McCord, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Company, makes application for a seven-eighths oil, gas and mineral lease on all minerals owned and/or reserved by the State of Florida in Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 17, and N½ of Sections 2, 12 and 14, Township 54 South, Range 35 East, Dade County, comprising a total of 8,960 acres, more or less. Applicant offers fifty cents (50¢) an acre initial cash consideration, or bonus and delay rental of fifty cents (50¢) per acre per annum.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the lease advertised for sealed competitive bids under the usual terms and conditions.

Dr. James Nesbitt, III, offers \$50.00 per annum for a ten year campsite lease on a small area on Long Arsnicker Key in Section 13, Township 58 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize ten-year lease in favor of Dr. Nesbitt with rental at \$50.00 per annum.

Major John D. McBride, on behalf of the Junior Deputy Sheriffs' Organization of Dade County, makes application for a campsite on Arsnicker Key, Dade County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize dedication in favor of the Sheriffs' organization as requested for the uses of said organization.

Action was deferred on the following applications:

1. Application from Eagle Dock & Warehouses, Inc., for ten-year extension of Lease No. 583 which expires April 15, 1958, with offer of \$350.00 per month rental. Land is located in Section 28, Township 53 South, Range 41 East, Dade County. Appraisal is \$500.00 per month for first two years and \$600.00 per month for remainder of term.
2. Alton Braddock offers \$25.00 an acre for Sections 11 and 13, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County. Appraisal on this land is \$40.00 an acre.

Mrs. J. S. Parsons offers \$30.00 per annum for one-year extension of her Grazing Lease No. 723 which expires June 1, 1956. The lease covers 30 acres of land in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25 and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 36, Township 42 South, Range 31 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant one year extension of Lease 723 as requested by Mrs. Parsons at the rental offered.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. LEE COUNTY—W. H. Carmine, Jr., on behalf of Sterling McClenithan, Archie Bryant and Pat Faulkenberry, offers the appraised price of \$2.00 per front foot for three small parcels of land on West Island in Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 22 East. Applicants have been squatters on the land for several years;
2. MANATEE COUNTY—F. Onell Rogells, on behalf of C. B. Scott, West Coast Marketing Corporation and Mahar, offers the appraised price of \$120.00 an acre for three (3) parcels of submerged land in Section 34, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;
3. MANATEE COUNTY—John F. Vanderipe, on behalf of Christine Mikelson, Harry Gustafson and William B. Lee, offers the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre for purchase of certain submerged land in Section 16, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;
4. MANATEE COUNTY—Arch Wedebrook offers \$250.00 an acre for submerged land in Section 25, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 4.5 acres, more or less.

The acreage will be subject to change due to Intra-coastal Canal Right of Way location;

5. MONROE COUNTY—Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Hubert N. Sturdivant, et ux., offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 0.67 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland on Grassy Key, Section 24, Township 65 South, Range 33 East;
6. MONROE COUNTY—Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of F. P. Sadowski Corp., offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 0.89 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East;
7. MONROE COUNTY—W. A. Parrish, on behalf of Wilburn L. Wood, offers \$200.00 an acre for one-half acre of bay bottom land in Section 1, Township 67 South, Range 28 East;
8. MONROE COUNTY—Stanley L. Montgomery offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for 1.0 acre of submerged land on Big Pine Key in Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East;
9. MONROE COUNTY—James L. Ribble offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for 5.56 acres of submerged land adjacent to property in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;
10. MONROE COUNTY—Peter R. Ross offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 2 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property on Big Pine Key, Section 25, Township 66 South, Range 29 East;
11. PINELLAS COUNTY—Charles A. Robinson, Jr., on behalf of Bayshore Homes, Inc., offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for 8.3 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Boca Ciega Bay, Section 1, Township 31 South, Range 15 East. (Subject to approval of Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority);
12. SARASOTA COUNTY—Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of Robert S. Marvin and wife, offers \$250.00 an acre for 2.93 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East. (Sale to be subject to approval of County Commissioners for proposed fill, or deed with covenant that no fill will be made);
13. ST. LUCIE COUNTY—E. O. Denison, on behalf of Gene F. Dyer, offers the appraised price of \$50.00 an acre for fifty (50) acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland in Section 3, Township 37 South, Range 41 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the thirteen (13) parcels of land

advertised for sale, subject to objections only, based on the offers submitted, applications 11 and 12 to be subject also to approval as indicated.

The following offers were submitted for purchase of state land:

MONROE COUNTY—N. Lichtenberg offers the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for Lot 1, Section 22, Township 65 South, Range 29 East, known as Little Spanish Key, containing 34.4 acres, more or less;

WALTON COUNTY—Robert S. McKnight offers the appraised price of \$20.00 an acre for Lots 1 and 2, Section 9, Township 2 South, Range 20 West, containing 132.27 acres.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land in Monroe and Walton Counties advertised for competitive bids, starting with the offers submitted.

William Cliff offers \$100.00 an acre, which is in excess of the appraised price, for ten (10) acres of submerged land on Old Sweat Bank at Latitude 24° 49' North, Longitude 80° 50' West, Township 64 South, Range 34 East, Monroe County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the land for competitive bids and objections, starting with the offer of \$100.00 an acre.

Robert McConnell, Mayor of the Town of Jupiter Island, makes application on behalf of the town to pump sand by dredge from certain spots on the west side of the island to the beach on the east side in order to combat erosion. The material, approximately 80,000 cubic yards, will probably be taken from Lake Bonnie View, Lake George and Pecks Lake.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Town of Jupiter Island be granted permission to remove without cost approximately 80,000 cubic yards of sand from the areas designated for the purpose of combatting beach erosion.

Mr. Charles R. Rudolph appeared before the Trustees in connection with Mineral Sand Lease No. 844 issued to Nuclear Magnetic Mining, Incorporated, requesting modification of said lease in two particulars: (1) modification of clause 15 to extend time for erection of a major plant until approximately two years from the date hereof, and of clause 16 to extend the original term to end approximately six years from the date hereof with right of renewal for ten years after expiration of such extended term, and (2) approval by the Trustees of the prior assignments hereto and of the proposed assignments to the joining company in this program, or permitted assignees.

Mr. Rudolph explained that his company has been carrying on extensive explorations over the past three years; that they have reached an agreement by which one of the largest companies in the world will join the Nuclear Magnetic Mining Company in an enlarged development program; that with the plans for the future, modification of the lease as outlined is requested.

Upon discussion of the request, it was agreed to defer action and ask for a report from the State Geologist with his recommendations; also that the Nuclear Company submit a more detailed report of what they have accomplished and what their plans are for the future.

Without objection action was postponed until next week.

Mr. Elliot stated that at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions March 20, 1956, it was agreed that Mr. E. O. Rolland, with the Florida Development Commission, be employed on a temporary basis as State Office Building Expeditor and that his salary and expenses while on this work be paid by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; that the Director of the Florida Development Commission be authorized to request reimbursement from the Trustees for the proportionate part of Mr. Rolland's salary, and that expense accounts in connection with this work be transmitted directly to the Trustees for payment.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve action taken by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and that the same be retroactive to March 20, 1956.

The City of West Palm Beach, represented by Mr. Egbert Beall, makes application to the Trustees for the following:

- (a) Exclusive use of Lake Mangonia, Palm Beach County, as a source of domestic water supply for the City of West Palm Beach and other nearby areas to which service can be supplied;
- (b) The acquisition or clearing of title to land marginal to Lake Mangonia, consisting of saw-grass marsh.

Mr. Elliot recommends as to (a) perpetual easement out of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to the City of West Palm Beach covering Lake Mangonia and its use as a domestic water supply system for said city and adjacent areas, and to make such changes in the shore line of said lake, and to deepen the same for increasing its storage capacity and improving its use as a water supply, and as to (b) the city having acquired from other interests whatever title such interests held in the marsh lands around said lake, the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund complete, and remove any uncertainty of title by quitclaim deed to areas of the marsh marginal to Lake Mangonia, including the right in so far as the interests of the Trustees are concerned, to deposit excavated material from said lake on the land marginal thereto.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendations of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board, and that in issuance of deed under (b), classification of the land be specified as marsh land marginal to Lake Mangonia.

Mr. Beall asked if the action of the Trustees would take care of the situation which will arise from placing excavated material around the lake resulting in making minor changes in the shore line, to which Mr. Elliot replied that the recommendation as approved would cover that situation.

Mr. E. O. Denison of Fort Pierce, Florida, representing Mr. Rupert N. Koblegard, Jr., Surfside Properties, Inc., and others, requested that the Trustees approve issuance of deeds to claimants for land in Sections 12 and 13, Township 35 South, Range 40 East, Saint Lucie County, pursuant to action by the Trustees in July 1953 and January 5, 1954.

Mr. Elliot referred to report he had made to the Trustees July 10, 1953, with his recommendations.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that Mr. Denison get with Mr. Elliot and prepare a memorandum report setting forth briefly the status of the application, for consideration by the Trustees at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary	\$ 1,000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
Trans. to U. S. Geological Survey Account	5,250.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	22,241.82
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To State Board of Conservation	15,333.04
The Atlantic National Bank, Jacksonville, Fla.	
For U. S. Bonds	497,052.35
City of Pahokee—Part of loan for breakwater project construction	33,777.80

A. R. Williams—Expenses	68.95
H. G. Morton—Expenses	574.77
Ray E. Green—Travel vouchers	144.97
E. O. Rolland—Expenses as building expediter	129.75
H. C. Williamson—Refund Deed 20055	117.60
Guido Caerto, Melvin J. Robinson & E. C. Segert—Refund Deed 20658	23.15
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	48.30
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	11.35
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.95
The H. & W. B. Drew Co., Jacksonville, Fla.	3.00
W. C. Baggett, CCC St. Lucie County—Recording	9.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	125.00
Smith & Son, Lakeland, Fla.—Appraisal	75.00
Sarasota Appraisal Service—Appraisal	60.00
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Appraisal	100.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla.—Appraisal	75.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	264.00
Union County Times, Lake Butler, Fla.—Adv.	11.20
The Miami Herald—Adv.	81.90
The Collier County News, Naples, Fla.—Adv.	12.27
The Clearwater Sun—Adv.	50.60
The Key West Citizen—Adv.	18.40
The Apalachicola Times—Adv.	20.70
The Palm Beach Post-Times—Adv.	16.25
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Adv.	24.15
DeLand Sun News—Adv.	31.05
Capital Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	4.00
Photostat Corporation, Providence, R. I.	96.00
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce, Fla.—Appraisal	75.00
The Collier County News, Naples, Fla.—Adv.	24.54
Ft. Pierce Newspapers, Inc.—Adv.	29.90
DeLand Sun News—Adv.	18.40
The Bradenton Herald —Adv.	22.23
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Adv.	34.50
Bulkley-Newman Printing Co., Tallahassee, Fla.	132.00
Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers, Fla.—Appraisals	225.00
C. B. Arbogast, Stuart, Fla.—Appraisal	25.00
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.—Appraisal	50.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach, Fla.—Appraisals.....	350.00
Elton Hall, Melbourne, Fla.—Appraisal	100.00
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	80.00
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce, Fla.—Appraisal	35.00
J. E. Pierce, Sr., Daytona Beach, Fla.—Appraisal	40.00
News-Press Publishing Co., Ft. Myers, Fla.—Adv.	17.25
The Miami Herald—Adv.	81.90
TOTAL	\$581,817.03

Financial Statements for the month of April, 1956, are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of April 1, 1956	\$230,526.83
Receipts for the Month:	
Land Sales	\$78,432.28
Quitclaim Deeds	280.00
Fill Material	511.00
Revenue Bonds	8,125.00
Advertising Refunds	132.19
Grazing Leases	1,162.00
Sand and Shell Leases.....	16,243.77
Timber Leases	51.87
Oil Leases	679.78
Mineral Leases	11,062.85
Miscellaneous Leases	792.10
Farm Lease	45.00
Land Survey	10,695.00
Payment on taxes .....	.66
Total Receipts for Month of April, 1956	128,159.50
GRAND TOTAL	358,686.33
Less Disbursements for Month of April, 1956	47,432.56
BALANCE AS OF APRIL 30, 1956	\$311,253.77

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
4- 5-56	296068	City of Cocoa	\$ 18.60
4-10-56	300360	J. Edwin Larson—	
		Tr. to State School Fund	16,919.89
	300361	J. Edwin Larson—	
		Tr. to State Board Conservation	5,275.95
	301996	A. R. Williams	55.65
4-11-56	302347	Southeastern Telephone Co.	75.00
	302348	Western Union Telegraph Co.	5.48
	302349	Shell Oil Co.	4.76
	302350	Standard Oil Company	7.99
	302351	The Okeechobee News	18.40
	302352	Stuart Daily News	13.80
	302353	Carl Gosbee, Realtor	25.00
	302354	J. E. Pierce Realty Company	40.00
	302355	Harry M. McWhorter	70.00
	302356	A. B. Fogarty	260.00
	302357	E. D. Keefer	600.00
	302358	Key West Board of Realtors	217.50
4-12-56	304102	H. Pierce Ford, Realtor, George E. Zeigler, Realtor & Jack Culpepper Contractor	7,500.00
	304013	J. E. Larson, Treasurer—Tr. to General Revenue Fund	8,501.53
4-17-56	311025	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	15.16
4-23-56	318470	Capital Office Equipment Co.	1.85

	318471	Fred L. Palmer	45.00
	318472	Anderson & Carr, Inc.	75.00
	318473	Harry M. McWhorter	125.00
	318474	The Clearwater Sun	16.87
	318475	Okaloosa News-Journal	12.65
	318476	John D. Moriarty	117.48
4-24-56	320081	E. B. Leatherman, CCC	465.01
4-30-56	326417	Earl R. Adams, CCC	2,284.00
	282664	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	282665	H. G. Morton	485.90
	282666	A. R. Williams	449.33
	282667	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	282668	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	282669	M. O. Barco	387.93
	282670	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	282671	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	282672	S. Wells	361.21
	282673	C. M. Greene	49.35
	282674	R. N. Landers	27.41
	282675	Blue Cross of Florida, Inc.	23.15
	282676	Wilson Life Ins. Co.	22.38
	282677	State Retirement	279.89
	282678	Federal Tax	628.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF APRIL, 1956			\$47,432.56

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of April 1, 1956	\$2,875.00
Receipts	1,000.00
Disbursements	0.00
Balance as of April 30, 1956	\$3,875.00

UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts for the month:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
April 3, 1956	\$1,610.25
April 16, 1956	6,662.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$8,272.80

Disbursements for the Month:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
April 30, 1956			
	281014	E. Hewitt	373.86
	281015	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	281016	Provident Life & Accid. Ins. Co.....	7.75
	281017	State Retirement	26.97
	281018	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH			\$ 771.25

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve report No. 641 listing forty-seven (47) bids received for lands under Chapter 18296, and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The State Road Department applies for conveyance of Lot 6, Block 14 of the Plat of Eau Gallie, in Section 16, Township 27 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County, desired in connection with State Road No. 5, Section 7002-176.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline offer of \$12.50 from an individual and authorize conveyance of the lot to the State Road Department under the provision of Chapter 21684 of 1943, upon payment of \$12.50.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in a certain Duval County certificate covering land in Duval County which was certified to the state under Chapter 18296, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title to the land vested in the state by virtue of said certificate.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
TOTAL	\$771.25

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

May 22, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Wells reported a number of sales are advertised to be held on this date as follows:

ESCAMBIA COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered application from Mr. Philip Beall, on behalf of Perdido Land Company, with offer of ten cents (10¢) per acre annual rental, increasing five percent (5%) of such original amount annually after the first two years for an oil and gas lease, said lease to be for a primary term of ten years covering the reserved mineral interest of the Trustees in approximately 10,764 acres, more or less, of land in Perdido Bay, Escambia County, commencing at the boundary between the State of Alabama and the State of Florida, as shown on U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart No. 1265, thence through Perdido Bay to Florida Point. The lease was advertised for sealed competitive bids in the Pensacola Journal and in the Tallahassee Democrat on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the area to be leased and the only bid was presented from Perdido Land Company with an offer of \$1100.00 as cash consideration for the lease on the submerged land in Perdido Bay consisting of approximately 10,764 acres. The amount bid is in addition to the fixed charges for royalty and rent.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$1100.00 as cash consideration for the lease as advertised.

BREVARD COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$25.00 an acre from G. F. Swanson for purchase of Government Lots 7 and 8, Section 26, Township 29 South, Range 38 East, containing a total of 58.74 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids starting at \$25.00 an acre, and notice of the sale was published in the Titusville Star Advocate on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$136.00 an acre being made by G. F. Swanson, on behalf of himself and Don Frison.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$136.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Swanson and Frison.

COLLIER COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 an acre from Martin J. Bowen for purchase of Lot 2, Section 4, Township 53 South, Range 26 East, containing 69.83 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$100.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the Collier County News on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he has received an offer of \$108.96 an acre from Philip Corneliuson Ishpeming, Michigan, at which price the bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$150.00 an acre being made by Martin J. Bowen.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$150.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Bowen.

LAKE COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$25.00 an acre from William Diggle for purchase of Government Lot 6, Section 23, Township 17 South, Range 29 East, less channel right of way of St. Johns River, containing 21.75 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Tavares Citizen on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported a higher offer of \$30.30 an acre has been received from Philip Corneliuson of Ishpeming, Michigan, at which price bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$81.00 an acre from Victor Roepke of Eustis.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$81.00 an acre for the land and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Roepke.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$10.00 per lot from Archie Lamb for purchase of Lots 1 to 13, Block 1, Sloan's Subdivision, in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of the sale was published in the Okeechobee News on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported a higher bid of \$13.00 per lot received from Alto Watford, Jr., at which price bidding will commence.

Competitive bidding resulted in the highest offer of \$60.00 per lot being made by Mr. Simon Deutsch.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$60.00 per lot from Mr. Deutsch and approve sale in his favor.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$30.00 per lot from T. W. Conely, Jr., on behalf of C. C. Arrington, for purchase of Lots 3 to 6, inclusive, Block 61, Okeechobee City, a subdivision in Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The land was advertised in the

Okeechobee News on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported a higher offer of \$34.00 per lot received from Alto Watford, Jr., at which price bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high offer of \$76.00 per lot being made by Simon Deutsch.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$76.00 per lot and approve sale in favor of Mr. Deutsch.

CHARLOTTE AND LEE COUNTIES—On February 14, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$40.00 per acre from Earl D. Farr, on behalf of Sunset Realty Corporation, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of 1,610 acres of submerged lands in the unsurveyed portion of Sections 26 and 35, and unsurveyed Section 36, Township 42 South, Range 20 East, Charlotte County, and the unsurveyed portion of Sections 2, 11 and 12, and unsurveyed Section 1, of Township 43 South, Range 20 East, Lee County. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Punta Gorda Herald on April 12, 19, 26, May 3 and 10, 1956, and in the Fort Myers Press on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that objection to the sale has been filed by George E. Allen, on behalf of O. H. Lobean, claiming riparian rights to a portion of the area advertised for sale. Mr. Wells recommends that the sale be confirmed in applicant except as to that area covered by protest from Mr. Lobean.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$40.00 an acre from Sunset Realty Company and approve sale in their favor, except as to that portion covered by protest of Mr. Lobean.

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$40.00 per lot from Hallman S. Hare for purchase of Lot 5, Block 6 of Wright's First Addition, a subdivision in Section 22, Township 37 South, Range 35 East. The land was advertised for competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the Okeechobee News on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the lot was called out and Mr. Wells reported a higher offer of \$51.00 for the lot has been received from John Rutledge, at which price bidding will commence. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$90.00 for the lot being made by Simon Deutsch.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$90.00 and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Deutsch.

DADE COUNTY—On April 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$5,110.00 from Marshall H. Ader, on behalf of the 1800 Bayshore Drive Corporation, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, in Section 31, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, lying easterly of and across North Bayshore Drive (Palm Boulevard) from Lots 9 and 12, Block 7 of Miramar, containing 1.32 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Miami Herald on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Mr. Wells called out description of the land and objections to the sale were filed by the City of Miami with statement that the city desires to acquire the land for public purposes.

Mr. Ader explained that his clients are upland owners and entitled to purchase the submerged area; that the city's only objection is that it is desired for public park purposes; that the property is not suitable for public purposes as it is only a narrow strip about 1500 feet long and 500 feet of that amount will be for city purposes; that his clients have agreed to give the city a right of way; that plans have already been formulated to develop this area and construct tall buildings for hotels and apartments; that the city has recourse in court if it becomes necessary to use this property for the public.

Mr. O. M. Hendrickson, city attorney, presented objections on the ground that the property is desired for public park development, possible expansion of port facilities, providing docks; that court action will be expensive and the city requests that the sale not be confirmed in private parties.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees pass this application for further consideration, the city to furnish information as to its plans for this parcel and whether or not commitment can be made for development in the near future. June 12, 1956, was suggested as a date for considering the sale and objections.

DUVAL COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$250.00 per acre from Herman Ulmer, on behalf of National Container Corporation, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the St. Johns River in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 27 East, lying adjacent to and northeasterly of Lot 8, Block "A", Long Branch, containing 1.58 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Florida Times Union on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$250.00 an acre and confirm sale of the land in favor of the National Container Corporation.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$50.00 an acre from John Germany, on behalf of Henry Toland, for purchase of 294.3 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Hillsborough Bay, in Sections 4, 5 and 6, Township 30 South, Range 19 East. (This price was agreed on June 14, 1955.) The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Tampa Tribune on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale of the land in favor of Mr. Toland at the price offered—\$50.00 an acre.

MANATEE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$250.00 an acre from Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of Edward J. O'Donoghue and wife, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Sarasota Bay, in Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, lying adjacent to and northeasterly of Tract 8 of Plat of Subdivision on Longboat Key of Fractional Sections 25, 26 and part of Section 24, Township 35 South, Range 16 East, containing 0.58 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Bradenton Herald on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. O'Donoghue and wife at the price offered—\$250.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$100.00 from Samuel L. Collins, on behalf of himself and Margaret S. Henriquez, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, lying adjacent to and East of Lot 1, Block 1 of Torchwood Subdivision, containing 0.58 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Samuel L. Collins and Margaret S. Henriquez at the price offered—\$100.00 for the parcel.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for Parcel No. 1, \$100.00 an acre for Parcel No. 2, \$150.00 an acre for Parcel No. 3, and \$100.00 an acre for Parcel No. 4, from Paul E. Sawyer on behalf of F. P. Sadowski, for purchase of four parcels of submerged land in Sections 3, 4 and 5, Township 66 South, Range 33 East, in Bone Fish Bay, containing 130.07 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Sadowski at the appraised price for each parcel of land.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, The Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of W. A. Ellinger, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean, in Section 19, Township 65 South, Range 34 East, containing 30 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Ellinger at the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$350.00 an acre from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Leslie H. Michael, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Section 18, Township 63 South, Range 38 East, Plantation Key, containing 0.6 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune of Key West, on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Michael at the price offered—\$350.00 an acre.

MONROE COUNTY—On March 27, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$150.00 an acre from John P. Goggin, on behalf of C. A. Anderson, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Atlantic Ocean in Section 14, Township 65 South, Range 38 East, containing 5 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. Anderson at the price offered—\$150.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 3, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$200.00 an acre from Leo M. Butler, on behalf of John H. and Paula Bolesta, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay in Section 33, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, containing 7.86 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 13, 20, 27, May 4 and 11, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that consent of Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority has been received.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of John H. and Paula Bolesta at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre.

Harry E. Pollak makes application for permit to dredge for dead oyster shell from an area located in Section 24, Township 28 South, Range 37 East, Brevard County.

Mr. Wells stated that he has a report from the Conservation Board to the effect that they find no reason for denying Mr. Pollak's request.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize permit issued to Mr. Pollak at the prevailing price of ten cents (10c) per cubic yard for all shell removed, permit to be for a term of two years.

Without objection, consideration was passed until June 12, 1956, on the following applications for purchase and conveyance of submerged bottoms in Dade County:

1. Marshall H. Ader, on behalf of nine (9) riparian owners, offers \$5,110.00 an acre for submerged bottoms in Biscayne Bay in Section 31, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, adjacent to upland property of said owners. Total area of 9.33 acres includes street extensions comprising 1.96 acres, which will be conveyed to the City of Miami. The remaining 7.37 acres are appraised at \$5,110.00, which is acceptable to applicants;
2. The City of Miami requests that all submerged lands lying north of Venetian Causeway, within the municipal limits of the City of Miami, be conveyed to the city for municipal purposes. Objections to the city's request have been filed by Mrs. Henry O. Shaw, Chairman, Advisory Board of the Miami Woman's Club, and by Marshall Ader, who will file written protest.

The following applications were made for purchase of submerged lands:

DADE COUNTY—Martin Fine, on behalf of Charles F. Harvey and Helen A. Arnold, offers the appraised price of \$275.00 an acre for 140 acres, and \$200.00 an acre for 35 acres, of submerged land lying easterly of Government Lot 4, Section 22, Township 56 South, Range 40 East.

ST. LUCIE COUNTY—Harold R. Runte, on behalf of Handleman Enterprises, Inc., offers the appraised price of \$500.00 an acre for 2.07 acres of submerged land lying adjacent to Block 23 in Fort Pierce Subdivision, Section 1, Township 35 South, Range 40 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertisement of the two parcels of land for objections only based on the offers made by adjacent upland owners.

Lynnore Moss offers the appraised price of \$75.00 an acre for 235.15 acres of land owned by the state in Townsite of Tamiami, in Section 8, Township 54 South, Range 37 East, Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees advertise the land for competitive bids, starting with the offer of \$75.00 an acre.

Milfert W. Myers, on behalf of Alan Wylie, holder of Lease No. 236, makes application for an extension of five years of his lease which expires December 29, 1956. Applicant offers \$50.00 per annum rental for the parcel which contains approximately one (1) acre lying adjacent to Shoal No. 5 as shown by survey of submerged lands in Biscayne Bay, made during September and October, 1925, by W. T. Wallis, Jr.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees grant extension of five years on Lease No. 236 at the rental offered by Mr. Wylie.

The State Road Department makes application for an easement for right of way purposes through that part of the submerged lands,

sand bars, fills, islands and other lands in Five Mile Bayou in that part of Section 12, Township 2 South, Range 24 West, and that part of the submerged lands, sand bars, etc., and other lands in Garnier Bayou, Section 6, Township 2 South, Range 25 West, Okaloosa County, all lying within 160 feet westerly and northerly of the centerline of State Road No. 85—Section 5704-203.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement as requested by the State Road Department covering the lands described.

Alton Braddock offers \$25.00 an acre for Sections 11 and 13, Township 43 South, Range 38 East, Palm Beach County.

Mr. Wells recommends that the lands be advertised at the appraised price of \$40.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline the offer of \$25.00 an acre and make counter proposal to advertise the land for competitive bids provided applicant will agree to offer not less than \$40.00 an acre on date of sale.

At last week's meeting, May 15, 1956, Charles R. Rudolph appeared before the board in connection with Mineral Lease No. 844 issued to Nuclear Magnetic Mining, Incorporated. The matter was referred to Dr. Herman Gunter, State Geologist, for report.

Mr. Wells submitted report from Dr. Gunter with recommendation from himself and Dr. James L. Calver, of the Geological Survey, that the modification of Lease No. 844 as requested by Nuclear Magnetic Mining Corporation be approved to allow continuation of current development work which is necessary to prove the existence of a possible ore body. Dr. Gunter also recommends that the Trustees consider including a clause in future leases that will require lessee to submit a copy of the prospecting data that they develop to the Florida Geological Survey.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize modification of Lease No. 844 as follows:

1. Paragraph 15. Extend the time for erection of a major plant to May 22, 1958;
2. Paragraph 16. Extend the original term of five years, as presently provided, to eleven (11) years provided the major plant is constructed according to paragraph 15, with option to extend lease for a period of ten years from the expiration of the eleven (11) years, provided continuous development is carried on;

also, that lessee be required to make regular reports of operations and prospecting data to the Florida Geological Survey.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that consideration be passed on application from Lynnore Moss with offer of \$175.00 per

acre for purchase of Sections 31 and 32, Township 57 South, Range 40 East, Dade County.

Request was presented from the City of Pahokee, Florida, that the Trustees defer till December 1, 1956, payment on the breakwater loan which was due March 29, 1956.

Mr. Elliot recommends that the anniversary date for partial payments on loan to the City of Pahokee, as set forth in loan agreement between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the said city dated March 29, 1955, be changed to December 1, 1956, as first payment date, and annually thereafter till paid.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the recommendation of Mr. Elliot as the action of the board, and authorize amendment to the agreement fixing the date for partial payments as December 1 of each year.

By action of the Trustees May 15, 1956, consideration was postponed until this date on request made by E. O. Denison, on behalf of R. N. Koblebard, Surfside Properties, Inc., and others. The Trustees requested Mr. Denison to confer with Mr. Elliot and have a report ready for the board at this meeting.

Mr. Elliot explained that he submitted a report in July 1953 on the subject. The land in question was involved in an erroneous survey by the United States and in effort to straighten out private ownerships it was agreed in 1953 to allow the adjoining upland owners to purchase the submerged lands outward from their upland at a price of \$50.00 an acre, which was arrived at by fixing the value of the land at \$100.00 an acre and giving the claimants the opportunity to acquire the land at one-half the value; that the said claimants have only recently been able to work out the problem and they now ask that sale be made to them at the price agreed upon. Mr. Elliot further suggested that additional claimants which have made application since the agreement in 1953 also be allowed to purchase submerged areas adjoining their upland.

In discussing the subject, Governor Collins suggested that the Trustees get an appraisal of the land before taking action, as it has been approximately three (3) years since consideration was given to this matter.

Without objection action was deferred and Mr. Wells was requested to have an appraisal made of the area applied for.

U. S. District Attorney Harrold Carswell, for the Department of Justice, requests that the Trustees issue quitclaim deed or disclaimer covering a narrow strip of submerged land in Section 17, Township 6 South, Range 12 West, St. Andrews Sound, comprising 1.06 acres, more or less, and involved in condemnation proceedings—United States of America vs. 28,517.65 acres of land, more or less, in Bay County, Florida; H. H. Adder, et al. The United States desires to clear title to this area which is now a part of Tyndall Air Force Base

in Panama City, and has agreed to pay to the Trustees the amount awarded for the parcel.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of quitclaim deed in favor of the United States for the parcel described.

Mr. Charles B. Fulton, representing clients, made application to purchase submerged land in front of upland property in Lake Worth, including Maintenance Spoil Area MSA-LW-15 held by Florida Inland Navigation District. It was explained that the United States has agreed to release the spoil area provided the Trustees will furnish an alternate location in Section 22, Township 45 South, Range 43 East, Palm Beach County. The matter was referred to Mr. Elliot to ascertain what the reaction will be from adjoining upland owners adjacent to the proposed new spoil area in Section 22.

Mr. Elliot reported that he sent letters to each of the affected owners and all have agreed to withdraw objections, stating that satisfactory arrangements have been made with Mr. Fulton's clients to do certain things justifying them in giving their consent to the proposal. Mr. Elliot further stated that there remains to be done the following:

1. Advice to Florida Inland Navigation District that the Trustees consent to the elimination of that part of MSA LW-15 located in Section 22 of T. 45 S., R. 43 E., conditioned that
2. The United States quitclaim to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund the perpetual easement granted by the Trustees to the United States covering that part of MSA LW-15 lying south of the north boundary of Section 22.
3. That when "2" shall have been completed, the Trustees extend that part of MSA LW-15 lying north of the north boundary of Section 22 northward to include the area between existing north boundary of MSA LW-15 and the south boundary of Lake Worth Inlet District spoil area, lying south of the Inlet right of way. Perpetual easement to the United States.
4. That based upon consent of affected upland owners, applicants, Mr. Fulton's clients, having made application to acquire submerged bottoms, parts of which are bayward from their upland and parts covered by that portion of MSA LW-15 in Section 22, request that when all other things required to be done shall have been completed, said lands be advertised for objections only.

Mr. Elliot recommends that upon those things outlined in items 1, 2, 3 and 4, being done, the application of Mr. Fulton's clients be approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the recommendation of Mr. Elliot be approved as the action of the Board.

Florida Inland Navigation District advises that the U. S. District Engineer desires to utilize Maintenance Spoil Area 434-AR, Volusia County, to a greater elevation than six (6) feet. The spoil area is located in Sections 5 and 6, Township 17 South, Range 34 East. Mr. Elliot recommends that the request be granted.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the request transmitted on behalf of the United States Engineer be granted to the extent of utilizing MSA 434-AR to an elevation of ten (10) feet in connection with the maintenance and improvement of the Florida Intracoastal Waterway.

Resolution was presented from the City of Gulfport, Pinellas County, requesting that the Trustees withdraw from sale or other disposition and dedicate to the City of Gulfport the use rights to certain submerged lands described, comprising 353.2 acres in Boca Ciega Bay.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that action on this request be passed for further study of the situation and what the situation is with reference to privately owned property adjacent to the submerged lands.

Mr. Elliot reported that recently the Trustees approved conveyance in favor of the Town of Belleair, Pinellas County, of an undivided one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) interest in the submerged bottoms outward from the city limits of the town. In discussing the matter with a representative of the town, it was suggested that their preference would be a dedication rather than conveyance of title to one-half. Also, the Attorney General's office is of the opinion that a dedication will be more satisfactory. The question of private ownerships adjacent to the submerged area was discussed and what effect an outright conveyance would have on their rights from a legal standpoint.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees rescind former action taken November 15, 1955, and authorize dedication of the submerged lands to the use of the Town of Belleair, Florida, with a covenant on the dedication instrument that the submerged bottoms will remain in their present condition.

Without objection it was agreed to withhold action on letter from Mr. John C. Gramling requesting that the Trustees notify the Federal Land Management Department that the state does not claim certain islands covered by applications from Floyd W. Davis, and others, claiming title to certain islands or keys in Monroe County.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 642 listing regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 642 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of Hillsborough County Deed No. 2966-Duplicate to E. E. Mosely, in lieu of original deed No. 2966 dated September 20, 1943, for the reason that said deed was reported lost before having been recorded.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 5, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated May 15, 1956, were presented for approval with information that a copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following applications for purchase of state land with offers equal or in excess of the appraised value:

1. Columbia County: J. B. Hodges on behalf of F. S. Oosterhoudt, offers \$25.00 per acre for Lot 6, Section 17, Township 2 South, Range 16 East, containing 80 acres, more or less;
2. Dixie County: Claude S. Ginn offers \$25.00 an acre for the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, containing 59.94 acres, more or less;
3. Gilchrist County: John W. Thomas offers \$50.00 per acre for Lot 1, Section 18, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, and \$100.00 per acre for Lot 2, Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 14 East;

4. Manatee County: James M. Wallace offers \$15.00 an acre for 40.05 acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, Township 35 South, Range 22 East.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for competitive bids the four (4) parcels of land described, bidding to start with the offers from applicants.

J. L. McCord, on behalf of Commonwealth Oil Company of Miami, Florida, offers sixty cents (60¢) per acre rental annually for an oil lease on the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 1, 3 and 5; S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Sections 2, 4 and 6; and all of Sections 13 and 14, Township 54 South, Range 36 East, Dade County, containing 3,200 acres, more or less.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for sealed competitive bids for an oil lease on the land described.

General Purpose Lease No. 1029 dated December 28, 1955, was issued to J. T. Landon for a period of ten (10) years, covering an area on Mud Island in the St. Johns River, in the vicinity of the Matthews Bridges. Lessee paid the first year's rental of \$500.00 but has not removed any material or made use of the leased rights. Objections have been filed to the lease by interested parties, including the Board of County Commissioners of Duval County, and Mr. Wells recommends that said lease be cancelled and the payment of \$500.00 be refunded to Mr. Landon.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize cancellation of Lease No. 1029 and refund of \$500.00 be made to Mr. Landon.

Guy C. Mallett offers \$300.00 per acre, which exceeds the appraised price, for purchase of approximately 3 acres of submerged or semi-submerged land in Section 27, Township 31 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County, and agrees to furnish a survey without cost to the Trustees if he purchases the land. (A condition of the sale will be that purchaser furnish the survey without cost to the state.)

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids and objections, starting with the offer of \$300.00 an acre.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged land adjoining upland property of applicants, the appraised price or more having been offered in each case:

1. Lee County—R. V. Rickcord offers \$75.00 per acre for 16 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland in Section 1, Township 43 South, Range 22 East;

2. Manatee County—W. K. Zewadski, on behalf of Edith Zewadski, offers \$100.00 per acre for 23.8 acres of submerged land in Section 33, Township 34 South, Range 16 East;
3. Manatee County—Edward R. Dobson offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.98 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Township 35 South, Range 16 East, and on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Bailey, Mr. Dobson offers \$250.00 per acre for 0.96 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Township 35 South, Range 16 East;
4. Manatee County—Gulf Development Corporation offers \$225.00 an acre for 3.67 acres of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 27, Township 35 South, Range 17 East;
5. Martin County—Gene T. Dyer offers \$200.00 per acre for 2.75 acres of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 1, Township 38 South, Range 41 East;
6. Monroe County—G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of William H. Sutcliffe, offers \$200.00 per acre, or \$240.00, for 1.2 acres of submerged land adjacent to applicant's upland property in Section 13, Township 62 South, Range 38 East, Key Largo;
7. Monroe County—William R. Neblett, on behalf of First National Bank of Leesburg, offers \$5,099.00 for 14.33 acres of submerged land, and \$4,883.00 for 13.61 acres of submerged land, both parcels being adjacent to applicant's upland property in Section 33, Township 63 South, Range 37 East;
8. Monroe County—Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Baker, offers \$200.00 an acre, or \$230.00, for 1.15 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East;
9. Pinellas County—Lancelot E. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Yagle, offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.8 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 16 East. (Approval of County Commissioners has been received by Trustees.)
10. Pinellas County—Lancelot E. Wilson, on behalf of William H. Rankin, offers \$250.00 an acre for 0.97 of an acre of submerged land in Section 22, Township 28 South, Range 16 East. (Approval of the County Commissioners has been filed.)
11. Pinellas County—Leo M. Butler, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Biel, offers \$250.00 an acre for purchase of 1.72 acres of submerged land in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East. Approval of the County Commissioners has been received.
12. Volusia County—John E. Chisholm, on behalf of George E. and Ethel E. Lear, offers \$700.00 an acre for two small parcels of submerged land, totaling 0.53 of an acre, adjacent to their upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East;
13. Volusia County—Robert H. Matthews, on behalf of Walter H. Knapp, offers \$450.00 an acre for 0.42 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise the thirteen (13) parcels of land for objections only, based on offers submitted by applicants.

On May 22, 1956, the Trustees considered sale of submerged land in Charlotte and Lee Counties, applied for by Earl Farr, on behalf of Sunset Realty Corporation. On date of sale Orlie H. LoBean protested sale of a portion of the land in Lee County and now makes application to purchase said parcel, being 72.3 acres, more or less, of submerged land which he claims lies adjacent to Lot 1, Section 11, Township 43 South, Range 20 East.

Mr. Wells reported that the above lot, having been lost by erosion, does not now exist and the area has reverted to the state and becomes submerged land adjacent to that land applied for by Sunset Realty Company. The Trustees on May 22nd approved sale in favor of Sunset Realty Company of the land applied for, less this area protested by Mr. LoBean. Mr. Wells recommends that the objections be overruled, Mr. LoBean's application to purchase the 72.3 acres be denied, and that sale of said parcel be confirmed in favor of Sunset Realty Company at the price agreed upon and that deed be held for a period of thirty (30) days, allowing Mr. LoBean opportunity to file suit should he so desire.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees overrule the objections filed by Mr. Lobeau and decline to sell the 72.3 acres to him; that sale of the protested area be confirmed in favor of Sunset Realty Company at the agreed upon price of \$40.00 an acre, the deed to be held for a period of thirty (30) days, allowing time for suit to be filed.

The State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission is using an area in Levy County in which the public is permitted to hunt and fish and to use for other recreational purposes. The Commission now requests the Trustees to withhold these lands from sale indefinitely.

Without objection it was agreed to hold the land in its present status.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, to withhold action, pending information from the State Board of Conservation, on request from William C. Grimes on behalf of Bradenton Dredging and Shell Company, for five-year extension of their Shell Lease No. 61. The lease covers an area in Manatee River, Manatee County.

The Florida Development Commission applied at a recent meeting to secure submerged land adjacent to the Bee Line Ferry property in Section 1, Township 33 South, Range 17 East, Manatee County, and the land was advertised for objections only, to be heard April 24, 1956. Objections were filed by attorneys for two different clients and the matter was referred to the Attorney General. Opinion has been received from the Attorney General that there is no infringement on complainants rights and suggests that the objections be overruled.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees overrule objections filed by Louis Leibovit, on behalf of Harry and Lillian Lampel, and by James M. Wallace, on behalf of Douglas L. and Katherine T. Crane, and authorize conveyance to Florida Development Commission without cost.

Letter was presented from T. T. Cobb of Volusia County with reference to a special act by the 1955 Legislature, establishing the bulkhead line in the waters of Volusia County. The subject was to be voted on at the November election but has not been placed on the ballot. State lands in the area affected were withdrawn from sale until establishment of the bulkhead line.

Mr. Wells recommends that sales be made, and when the bulkhead line is established, purchasers rights will not go beyond said line.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that sales be allowed in the area referred to but that deeds be made subject to establishment of the bulkhead line, or any rights that might accrue thereby, and no conveyances to go beyond said bulkhead line, the matter to be referred to the Attornel General for working out a clause to be inserted in the deeds providing that no rights will go beyond the bulkhead line.

Mr. Bernie Papy and Mr. G. A. Crawshaw came before the board and protested appraisals on certain areas in Monroe County where submerged lands adjacent to privately owned property have been applied for. The lands are appraised at \$600.00 an acre, and Mr. Papy and Mr. Crawshaw claim that the price is out of line. Their clients have agreed to offer \$300.00.

The Trustees advised Messrs. Papy and Crawshaw that the matter will be taken under consideration. It was suggested that Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells visit that area and get a first hand picture of the situation and report to the board.

Mr. Elliot recommended that when appraisals are requested, it would be advisable to outline certain things to be taken into consideration in fixing a price on the land, such as nearness to center of population, cost of filling and improving, whether the property will be improved for subdivision or business property or whether as private homes.

In connection with applications from Monroe County, Mr. Wells explained that the situation in that county is different from any other county in the state. In order to get any land, it will have to be dredged and filled and there is no question of closing up a bay or sound, as the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico are the two bodies of water to be considered. He asked if the stop order of May 5 for receiving applications would apply to Monroe County.

Mr. Wells was requested to take this matter up with Mr. Mercer Brown, Chairman of the State Land Use and Control Commission, explain the situation to him, and see what his reaction will be.

Mr. Elliot presented request from the Florida Board of Forestry that the Trustees concur in execution of deed from the Forestry Board to the Methodist Church District Board of Missions and Church Extension of West Palm Beach District, Inc. The land to be conveyed comprises the North 4 acres of South 15 acres of West 20 acres of Tract 13, Section 3, Township 33 South, Range 39 East, Indian River County. The Methodist Church Board made the highest bid of \$4,010.00.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees concur in the sale as requested by the Florida Board of Forestry and authorize execution of the deed.

The City of Cocoa, Brevard County, Florida, represented by Colonel Herbert C. Gee and Mr. Claud Dial, presented application for a loan of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for constructing water facilities provided in the proposed loan agreement, said facilities to supply water for joint civilian and military use.

Mr. Elliot reported that the loan agreement has been passed on by the Attorney General's office, and that he has examined the financing plan which provides for payment to the Trustees of interest on the loan at the rate of three and one-fourth percent ($3\frac{1}{4}\%$) per annum. The city agrees to deliver to the Trustees a certificate of indebtedness in the amount of \$300,000.00 together with certified copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, authorizing issuance of said certificate. The City shall be entitled to receive the \$300,000.00 in a lump sum, or in such amounts as may be requested from time to time; the City agrees to repay the loan on or before fifteen (15) months from date of making said loan, and may repay said loan in full or in part prior to said date without fee or penalty for the privilege of prepayment, as funds are available; the City will assign as security to the Trustees a lien on monies, approximately \$400,000.00, payable by the United States to the City for repaying the loan from the Trustees, and as additional security and to guarantee repayment of the loan the City will pledge receipts from the cigarette tax and authorizes and empowers the Director of the Beverage Department to pay to the Trustees all monies payable to or receivable by the City of Cocoa from said cigarette tax on and after October 1, 1957, and until the indebtedness due by the City to the Trustees shall have been paid in full, in the event the said loan shall not be paid prior to October 1, 1957.

The Board expressed the view that the loan would be a good investment and that it seemed to be well financed.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees approve the loan as outlined.

Rose Printing Company makes application for a three-year lease on the building now occupied by said company, for which the company offers rental of \$10,000.00 annually, the lease to commence at the expiration of the present occupancy agreement and to be subject to cancellation by either party at any time upon one (1) year's written notice.

Information was given that when the building was purchased by the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, it was agreed that Rose Printing Company would be allowed to remain in the building for a period of eighteen (18) months at a rental of \$20,000.00, and that this term of eighteen months was figured from the final closing date for purchase of the property, which was March 28, 1955.

Mr. Terry Lee stated that Charles Rosenberg discussed the matter with him, and that he did not intend to offer as rental for the lease less than the amount he is now paying.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to a three-year lease with rental at the rate of \$13,333.32 annually, payable on a monthly basis of \$1,111.11, said lease to carry provision for cancellation of the lease by either party upon notice to be given one (1) year in advance, such notice to be given on any date either party desires.

Request was made by M. A. Ramsey, on behalf of himself, E. O. Denison, and R. N. Koblegard, for appointment to meet with the Trustees on a date after June 26, 1956.

Without objection, it was agreed on a tentative date of July 3, 1956, for Mr. Ramsey and associates to come before the board, with reference to sale of land in St. Lucie County outward from Government Lots in Sections 12 and 13, Township 35 S., Rge. 40 East.

Mr. Elliot reported that on April 30, 1956, he transmitted to the University of Florida Engineering and Experiment Station a proposed contract drawn by the Attorney General's office between the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, William Budd, and the University Experiment Station, in reference to beach erosion experiment. By letter of May 31, the University returned the proposed contract and declined to undertake the experiment for the following reasons: (1) Funds are insufficient to complete the experiment over the period of time necessary; (2) Contract requires experiment on Gulf Coast of Florida, between Venice Inlet and the north boundary of Pinellas County, while the experiment should be on the Atlantic Coast; (3) Design of structure is not susceptible of carrying out experiment in a manner to enable the Experiment Station to evaluate results; and (4) The Experiment Station does not have a properly equipped coastal engineering hydraulic laboratory to accurately determine results or to evaluate the same.

Attorney General Ervin explained that the Legislature appropriated \$12,000.00 to Trustees funds for this experiment and the

University of Florida has an appropriation also for this type experiment.

Governor Collins remarked that he does not see how the experiment can be carried forward if the University takes the position it has and there does not seem to be much point in pursuing the matter further; that it would seem to be in order to notify Mr. Budd that based on recommendation of the University and because of the fact that the Trustees do not have the facilities for carrying out the experiment, the project will have to be called off.

Mr. Elliot stated that from correspondence with the Experiment Station, he understood that instead of confining their studies to this particular structure they want to have variations of that structure for testing, and he thought the Trustees had in mind trying the particular structure designed by Mr. Budd to ascertain whether or not it would be efficacious for protecting against erosion of the beaches. Mr. Elliot has written Mr. Budd to get an expression from him as to whether or not he can overcome the objections outlined by the Experiment Station; otherwise there seems to be no point in pursuing the proposal further.

Upon discussion of the subject, it was agreed to take no action until Mr. Elliot has received a reply from his letter to Mr. Budd.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 643 was presented for consideration of 488 bids on lands under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 643 and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

The Jacksonville Expressway Authority requests conveyance of the North 5 feet of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 5, Block 31, Division "E" LaVilla, Duval County, to be used as right of way for the Expressway—Section 7202-280, Parcel 88-A.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize conveyance of the parcel under provisions of Chapter 21684, upon payment of \$15.00.

Messrs. Boswell and Stuart of Bartow, Florida, on behalf of J. K. Stuart, W. H. Stuart and S. D. Gooch, request release of reservation in Polk County Deed No. 2103 dated October 19, 1944, to Corydon W. Carpenter, conveying 40 acres of land in Section 24, Township 30 South, Range 24 East, for which release they offer \$150.00 per acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$150.00 an acre and authorize release in favor of applicants, the present owners of the land, covering the state's seventy-

five percent (75%) interest in minerals, but reserving to the state fifty percent (50%) of all petroleum and petroleum products .

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certificates certified to the state under Chapter 18296 against land in Alachua, Citrus and Gulf Counties, the Attorney General's office having advised that no title to the land vested in the state.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: R. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
June 12, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of May 22, 1956, were presented for approval with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date.

DADE COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from Leonard Ross of Miami Beach, Florida, for purchase of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Township 58 South, Range 39 East, containing 320 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting at \$100.00 an acre, and notice of sale was published in the Miami Herald on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$231.00 an acre being made by Irvin Garten.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$231.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Garten.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre for two lots and \$200.00 an acre for the third lot from Charles Woods of Dothan, Alabama, for purchase of

Government Lot 1, Section 21, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, 1.23 acres, more or less;

Government Lot 1, Section 6, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, 1.80 acres, more or less;

Government Lot 5, Section 9, Township 67 South, Range 27 East, 10.19 acres, more or less.

The land was advertised for competitive bids, starting with the appraised price, and notice of the sale was published in the Key West Citizen on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells stated that bids would be taken on the lots separately.

1. Government Lot 1, Section 21-66-28, 1.23 acres—A higher bid of \$500.00 an acre has been received from Harry H. Brenner of Detroit, Michigan. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$1,005.00 an acre from D. H. Payne;
2. Government Lot 1, Section 6-66-29, 1.80 acres, competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$735.00 an acre from James M. Wallace, Jr.;
3. Government Lot 5, Section 9-67-27, 10.19 acres, competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$655.00 an acre from James M. Wallace, Jr.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the highest bid for each lot—\$1,005.00 an acre for the first, \$735.00 an acre for the second, and \$655.00 an acre for the third—and confirm sale in favor of the respective bidders, D. H. Payne and James M. Wallace, Jr.

MARTIN COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre from Kenneth P. Foster and Louis B. Bills, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of two parcels of submerged land in the Northwest Fork of the Loxahatchee River in Section 22, Township 40 South, Range 42 East, one parcel containing 0.5 of an acre and the other 10.9 acres. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Stuart News on May 10, 17, 24, 31, and June 7, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer for the land and confirm sale in favor of Messrs. Foster and Bills.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre from Paul E. Sawyer, on behalf of Dr. J. M. Renedo, the adjacent upland owner, for sale of a parcel of submerged land in Hawk Channel, in Section 35, Township 67 South, Range 25 East, lying southwesterly of and adjacent to Lot 23, Block 46, of George L. McDonald Plat of Stock Island, containing 1.3 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of the sale was published in the Coral Tribune of Key West, Florida, on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were presented to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$200.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Dr. Renedo.

MONROE COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$100.00 for the parcel from Everett Kinsman, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Pine Channel, in Section 28, Township 66 South, Range 29 East, lying easterly of and adjacent to Lot 14 of Mate's Beach, containing 0.66 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Key West Citizen on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 for the parcel and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Kinsman.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre from Lancelot E. Wilson, on behalf of David P. Wollowick, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Old Tampa Bay, in Section 34, Township 28 South, Range 16 East, and Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East, lying southeasterly of and across Bay Shore Drive from Lots 8 to 11 inclusive, Block D of Washington-Brennan Subdivision, containing 2.29 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 27, May 4, 11, 18

and 25, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that no objections have been filed and that approval of the Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority has been received.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Mr. Wollowick at the price offered—\$250.00 an acre.

PINELLAS COUNTY—On April 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised value of \$100.00 an acre from Wilbur G. Stone, on behalf of Walter Collany, adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged lands in Boca Ciega Bay in Section 30, Township 32 South, Range 16 East, and thence by metes and bounds description, containing 15 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Clearwater Sun on April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale. Mr. Wells reported that approval has been received from the Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale in favor of Mr. Collany at the price offered—\$100.00 an acre.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre from John R. Wood, on behalf of Raymond J. Kengott, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East, containing 1.033 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no protests were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the sale in favor of Mr. Kengott at the price offered—\$200.00 an acre—the deed to contain the restrictive covenant with reference to filling.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$300.00 an acre from A. Mack Wing, on behalf of Virginia Hood and John and Frederick Gottfried, the adjacent upland owners, for purchase of two small parcels of submerged land in Little Sarasota Bay, in Section 22, Township 38 South, Range 18 East, containing a total of 1.03 acres, more or less. The land

was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale in favor of Virginia Hood for 0.46 of an acre, and in favor of John and Frederick Gottfried for 0.57 of an acre, at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre—the deed to contain the restrictive covenant with reference to filling.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 10, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$300.00 an acre from Thomas T. Cobb, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. George C. Morrow, adjacent upland owners, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in the Halifax River in Section 27, Township 15 South, Range 33 East, lying westerly of Lot 8 of River Ridge Estates, containing 0.9 of an acre more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and copy of notice was published in the DeLand Sun News on April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Mr. and Mrs. Morrow at the price offered—\$300.00 an acre.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On April 24, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$500.00 an acre from Lillian M. Morse, the adjacent upland owner, for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Indian River North, Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, lying northeasterly of and adjacent to the East 275 feet of Lot 1, except the South 10 feet thereof, Mendell's Subdivision, and also the East 275 feet of Lot 9, Alvarez, containing 2.4 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only, and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on May 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees confirm sale in favor of Lillian M. Morse at the price offered—\$500.00 an acre.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands, adjacent to upland property of applicants:

1. CHARLOTTE COUNTY—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Marie H. Saul, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 5.8 acres adjacent to her upland in Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 19 East.

2. CHARLOTTE COUNTY—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of William M. Kaefer and Adolph G. Kaefer, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 5.8 acres adjacent to their upland in Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 19 East.

3. CHARLOTTE COUNTY—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. William P. Kramer, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for 5.8 acres adjacent to their upland in Section 1, Township 41 South, Range 19 East.

4. CHARLOTTE COUNTY—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of William H. Vanderbilt and Alfred G. Vanderbilt, offers \$100.00 an acre, which is in excess of the appraised price, for 18.81 acres and 5.00 acres adjacent to their upland property in Sections 21, 22, 23, 26 and 27, Township 42 South, Range 21 East.

5. DADE COUNTY—R. B. Gautier, Jr., on behalf of Atlas Terminals of Florida, Inc., and himself as Trustee, offers the appraised price of \$11,309.00 for 27.67 acres of submerged land in Dumfoundling Bay adjacent to their upland property in Sections 2 and 3, Township 52 South, Range 42 East.

6. MANATEE COUNTY—Clyde H. Wilson, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Koivu, offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for 0.70 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to upland property in Section 26, Township 35 South, Range 16 East.

7. MONROE COUNTY—J. Robert Wood offers the appraised price of \$400.00 for 0.8 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland in Section 9, Township 66 South, Range 32 East.

8. MONROE COUNTY—Victor Cawthon, on behalf of James L. Knight, offers the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre for two (2) small parcels of submerged land comprising 4.78 acres, more or less, in Section 31, Township 65 South, Range 33 East.

9. SARASOTA COUNTY—Martin R. Harkavy offers \$100.00 for 0.147 of an acre of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 1, Township 37 South, Range 17 East. (Deed will carry the restrictive covenant with reference to filling.)

10. SARASOTA COUNTY—Thomas W. Butler, on behalf of W. H. and Kathryn K. Reagle and Edward B. Ball, offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for 4.8 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 18 East. (Deed will carry the restrictive covenant with reference to filling.)

11. SARASOTA COUNTY—C. L. McKaig, on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle A. Luer, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for 1.39 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 31, Township 36 South, Range 18 East. (Deed will carry the restrictive covenant with reference to filling.)

12. SARASOTA COUNTY—Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Eustace DeCordova, Welles Murphey, G. Grant McKeough and F. Sewell McKeough, offers the appraised price of \$175.00 an acre, or \$100.00 minimum, for three (3) small parcels of submerged land in Sections 26 and 27, Township 38 South, Range 18 East. (Deed will carry restrictive covenant with reference to filling.)

13. SARASOTA COUNTY—Leo Wotitzky, on behalf of Wellington Quirk and Elsie G. Quirk, offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for 2.54 acres of submerged land adjacent to their upland property in Section 25, Township 40 South, Range 19 East. (Deed will carry restrictive covenant with reference to filling.)

14. VOLUSIA COUNTY—Robert H. Matthews, on behalf of Charles T. Tomlin, offers the appraised price of \$400.00 an acre, or \$180.00 for the parcel of submerged land adjacent to his upland property in Section 33, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, comprising 0.45 of an acre, more or less.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees agree to advertise for objections only the fourteen (14) parcels of submerged land applied for by adjacent upland owners, based on the offers submitted.

Donald J. Bradshaw, on behalf of D. J. Bradshaw and W. G. Glisson, adjacent upland owners, offers \$100.00 an acre for 4.71 acres of reclaimed Lake Tsala Apopka land in Sections 10 and 15, Township 19 South, Range 20 East, Citrus County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance in favor of applicants without advertisement.

Mr. Wells reported that the Trustees set this date to hold a public hearing on the matter of submerged lands in Dade County lying north of Venetian Causeway, applied for by the City of Miami; also lands advertised for sale May 22, 1956, being 1.32 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay in Section 31, Township 53 South, Range 42 East, applied for by Marshall Ader, on behalf of 1800 Bayshore Drive Corporation, and a new application from Mr. Ader on behalf of nine (9) clients for the purchase of 7.37 acres of submerged land in Biscayne Bay, adjoining on both sides the 1.32 acres above.

Upon discussion of the subject, it was brought out that the City of Miami will withdraw its objections to sale of the land applied for by Mr. Ader—1.32 acres and 7.37 acres—but Mr. Hendrickson, city attorney, could not make a firm commitment to that effect until a resolution is adopted, which is expected within the next week or two. Certain agreements have been reached between the city and Mr. Ader as to filling of certain areas to be conveyed to the city and furnishing right of way on the water front of the land for a boulevard, and the only thing necessary is formalizing these agreements.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees advertise for objections only the submerged parcels applied for by Mr. Ader, including the 1.32 acres heretofore advertised; that during the period of publication the city authorities and Mr. Ader work out their agreements and have them ready to submit to the Trustees when the sale is considered.

Mrs. W. B. Norton offers \$156.00 for 1.58 acres of reclaimed lake bottom land adjacent to her upland property in Section 8, Township 40 South, Range 33 East, Glades County.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the land without advertisement.

Manatee County Attorney, Dewey Dye, Jr., on behalf of the County Commissioners, requests waiver of the public use clause in Deed No. 19979 covering land in Section 35, Township 34 South, Range 16 East, so as to permit the county to make exchange for other areas desirable as right of way for causeway and bridge to Anna Maria Island. It will be necessary to acquire 22 acres from private owners who are willing to make a fair exchange.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees authorize waiver of restriction in Deed No. 19979 to whatever area is necessary to exchange with private parties.

The State Road Department makes application for perpetual easement and temporary easement for dredging of certain submerged lands in Section 15, Township 37 South, Range 41 East, Martin County, needed in connection with State Road No. 707-A—Section 8953-150.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easements as requested by the State Road Department.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees deny, without prejudice, application from Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Stanley Switlick who offered \$200.00 an acre for 5.4 acres, more or less, of submerged land in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East, Monroe County.

At the request of Mr. Harry A. Johnston, county attorney for Palm Beach County, the Trustees agreed on June 19, 1956, as the date for him to discuss a resolution adopted by the county requesting that the Trustees do not sell any more submerged land and not permit any more filling in Lake Worth, Palm Beach County.

Ralph O. Johnson, on behalf of Glades Chemical Company, offers the appraised price of \$3,800.00 for 1.90 acres, more or less, of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Okeechobee in Section 5, Township 42 South, Range 37 East, Palm Beach County, which price does not include the building and improvements thereon.

Glades Chemical Company has been leasing this property and made the improvements thereon. Adjacent upland property is owned by Florida East Coast Railway Company and said upland owner has filed with the Trustees an instrument giving permission for sale of the lake bottom to Glades Chemical Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcel to Glades Chemical Company, the adjacent upland owner having relinquished its right to purchase.

Melvin Orfinger, assistant city attorney of the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, on behalf of the city, requests the Trustees to waive the public use clause in Deed No. 20798 so as to permit the city to lease to the Daytona Beach Outboard Club a small portion of the property contained in the deed on which to erect a club house adjacent to Halifax River.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize release of the public purpose clause only as to the parcel which will be leased to the Daytona Beach Outboard Club.

On February 14, 1956, the Trustees referred to the Engineer and Secretary for investigation alleged objections from the County Commissioners of Dade County to sale of a strip of submerged land located on the ocean side of Ragged Keys in Dade County, applied for by James W. Moore on behalf of clients. Mr. Elliot reported that he took the matter up with the Board of County Commissioners of Dade County and they asked that time be given for studying the situation with respect to possible need for causeway right of way through the area; that on June 7 the Dade County Commissioners took action and advised the Trustees that the objections were withdrawn with the understanding that deeds from the Trustees will specify that the owners will be required to make any dedications that may be necessary for construction of highways across this property in future.

It was also brought out that the proposed causeway right of way would not be on the ocean side and there would be no justification for burdening the deeds with reservation for right of way through lands to be deeded to Mr. Moore's clients; that any such arrangement should be between the county and the grantee of the Trustees.

Mr. Moore explained that his clients have assured the county that they will do anything that is necessary, and are on record with the County Commissioners that they will dedicate any right of way

desired by the county; that if they want to put a road on the ocean side his clients will give the right of way.

Governor Collins suggested that the attorney for the county, the State Road Department engineers, and Mr. Moore get together and work out an appropriate provision to go in the deeds for securing any right of way that might be needed in the future, and that the Attorney General's office be consulted as to the provision.

Mr. Moore requested that in order to save time, the Trustees approve the sale subject to working out with the county, the State Road Department, and the Attorney General a satisfactory right of way.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve sale of submerged areas adjoining upland property of Mr. Moore's clients on Ragged Keys at the price offered—\$180.00 an acre—provided suitable assurances are obtained and made legally binding which will permit a road right of way over either the property to be sold or other property owned by said clients to the satisfaction of the County Commissioners and the Attorney General. It was agreed that purchasers will have the right to take material from the ocean to fill the submerged land purchased from the Trustees. (See Minutes of February 14, 1956, for detail of sale.)

West Coast Inland Navigation District requests perpetual easement in favor of the United States through a parcel of submerged land in the Gulf of Mexico, in unsurveyed part of Sections 1 and 2, Township 39 South, Range 18 East, Sarasota County. This area is to be used in improvement of Casey's Pass or Venice Inlet.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize perpetual easement issued to the United States covering the area described.

Consideration was given to letter from William T. Kruglak of Miami to Attorney General Ervin, with reference to use of Watson Park on MacArthur Causeway by parties having leases from the City of Miami. Mr. Kruglak requested that no hearing on this subject be had until after August.

Mr. Larson suggested that if a hearing is deemed necessary, it be held sometime in September in Miami.

Attorney General Ervin reviewed some of the history behind leases on MacArthur Causeway substantially as follows. The Trustees deeded to the City of Miami (Deeds 19447 and 19448 dated February 24, 1949, which includes the MacArthur Causeway property) certain lands with restrictive clause against commercialization of the property. At the time deeds were made, a public hearing was held in Miami with Mr. Gay, Mr. Mayo and the Attorney General present and about 1000 local persons. It was agreed among the group present that there would be no objection to continuing the four leases on a year to year basis to the Miami Yacht Club, Miami Out-

board Club, Howard Bond, and Goodyear Blimp. These leases have been renewed from year to year. The question now seems to be whether the Trustees should have a public hearing on its own initiative and insist on the restrictions in the deeds being applied, or whether this board should wait until the city takes action to get them off. Mr. Mayo and Mr. Green expressed the view that the City of Miami should handle the situation.

Governor Collins suggested that the Trustees write the City of Miami and review this situation and the fact that the land was conveyed to the city for public purposes at the time; that subsequently applications were made to the city for leases which provided for semi-commercial use of the property. The city and the Trustees agreed to permit such use on a temporary arrangement from year to year, but the Trustees are now receiving protests from the public about continuance of those arrangements and would like to call upon the city for any expression they care to make in respect to the matter—whether to put an end to commercialization of the property, and if an end is put to leasing the areas, will the city be in position to develop the land for parks as originally intended and desired.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the plan outlined by the Governor be approved.

Without objection the Trustees agreed on June 19, 1956, as a time to hear Mr. Clyde Wilson of Sarasota, Florida, with reference to protests he filed to sale of land in Charlotte County applied for by Mr. Earl Farr.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve employment by the Land Office of Mrs. Harriet Ramsey Reeves at a salary of \$225.00 per month, said employment to commence as of June 5, 1956.

Financial statements for the month of May are as follows:

UNDER CHAPTER 610

Balance as of May 1, 1956		\$311,253.77
Receipts for the Month:		
Land Sales	78,006.79	
Quitclaim Deeds	205.00	
Revenue Bonds	404,438.50	
Advertising Refunds	135.47	
Sand and Shell Leases	16,921.49	
Timber Leases	19.86	
Grazing Leases	733.65	
Mineral Leases	375.00	
Miscellaneous Leases	325.00	
Total Receipts for the Month of May, 1956		501,160.76
GRAND TOTAL		812,414.53
Less Disbursements for Month of May, 1956		582,984.03
BALANCE AS OF MAY 31, 1956		\$229,430.50

DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1956

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5 -1-56	327797	Capital Office Equipment Co., Inc	\$ 4.00
	327798	Carl Gosbee, Realtor	75.00
	327799	Photostat Corporation	96.00
	327800	The Collier County News	24.54
	327801	Fort Pierce Newspapers Inc.	29.90
	327802	DeLand Sun News	18.40
	327803	The Bradenton Herald	22.23
	327804	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	34.50
5- 2-56	329764	The Atlantic National Bank	497,052.35
5- 4-56	332428	City of Pahokee	33,777.80
5-11-56	340397	H. C. Williamson	117.60
5-14-56	343293	A. R. Williams	68.95
	343294	H. G. Morton	574.77
	343295	Southeastern Telephone Co.	48.30
	343296	Western Union Telegraph Co.	11.35
	343297	Capital Office Equipment Co.	4.95
	343298	The H. & W. B. Drew Co.	3.00
	343299	W. C. Baggett, CCC	9.00
	343300	Harry M. McWhorter	125.00
	343301	Smith & Son	75.00
	343302	Sarasota Appraisal Service	60.00
	343303	A. B. Fogarty	100.00
	343304	E. D. Keefer	75.00
	343305	Key West Board of Realtors	264.00
	343306	Union County Times	11.20
	343307	The Miami Herald	81.90
	343308	The Collier County News	12.27
	343309	The Clearwater Sun	50.60
	343310	The Key West Citizen	18.40
	343311	The Apalachicola Times	20.70
	343312	The Palm Beach Post-Times	16.25
	343313	Sarasota Herald-Tribune	24.15
	343314	DeLand Sun News	31.05
5-15-56	343650	J. Edwin Larson, To State School Fund	22,241.82
	343651	J. Edwin Larson, To State Board Conservation ...	15,333.04
5-18-56	349671	E. O. Roland	129.75
5-21-56	352550	Bulkley-Newman Printing Co.	132.00
	352551	Harry M. McWhorter	225.00
	352552	C. B. Arbogast	25.00
	352553	Carl G. Harding	50.00
	352554	E. D. Keefer	350.00

	352555	Elton Hall	100.00
	352556	Fred L. Palmer	80.00
	352557	Carl Gosbee	35.00
	352558	J. E. Pierce, Sr.	40.00
	352559	News-Press Publishing Co.	17.25
	352560	The Miami Herald	81.90
	352561	Guido Caserta, Melvin J. Robinson and E. C. Segert.....	23.15
	355176	Ray E. Green, Comptroller	144.97
5-24-56	355322	J. Edwin Larson— Tr. to U. S. Geological Survey	5,250.00
5-31-56	363628	Capital Office Equipment Co.	3.97
	363629	Richard H. Hunt	200.57
	363630	Frank J. Anderson	75.00
	363631	A. B. Fogarty	56.00
	363632	E. D. Keefer	300.00
	363633	Elton Hall	25.00
	363634	J. E. Pierce, Sr.	73.08
	363635	Fred L. Palmer	70.00
	363636	Ledger Publishing Company, Inc.	13.80
	363637	The Key West Citizen	59.80
	363638	The Miami Herald	56.70
	363639	The Bradenton Herald	16.10
	363640	The Coral Tribune	18.40
	363641	The Titusville Star-Advocate	18.40
	363642	James E. Henderson	121.00
	363643	Waterways Est. of New Smyrna Beach, Inc.	14.18
	321896	F. C. Elliot	797.30
	321897	H. G. Morton	485.90
	321898	A. R. Williams	449.33
	321899	A. C. Bridges	372.53
	321900	C. L. Vocelle	182.40
	321901	M. O. Barco	387.93
	321902	J. L. Dedge	341.15
	321903	B. G. Shelfer	256.16
	321904	S. Wells	361.21
	321905	C. M. Greene	49.35
	321906	R. N. Landers	27.41
	321907	Blue Cross of Florida Inc.	23.15
	321908	Wilson Life Insurance Co.	22.38
	321909	State Retirement	279.89
	321910	Federal Tax	628.90
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1956			\$582,984.03

U. S. G. S. COOPERATIVE FUND

Balance as of May 1, 1956	\$3,875.00
Receipts	5,800.00
Disbursements	0.00
Balance as of May 31, 1956	\$9,675.00

 UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Receipts to General Revenue:

May 7, 1956	\$5,391.25
May 15, 1956	724.70

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH\$6,115.95

Disbursements from General Revenue:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant No.</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
5-31-56	323882	E. Hewitt	\$373.86
	323883	M. C. Pichard	283.37
	323884	Provident Life & Accident Ins. Co.	7.75
	323885	State Retirement	26.97
	323886	Federal Tax	79.30
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH			\$771.25

 SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve Report No. 644 listing 7 regular bids for sale of lands under Chapter 18296, and authorize issuance of deeds corresponding thereto.

The City of Daytona Beach offers \$90.00 for purchase of the West 15 feet of Lot 19, all of Lots 20 to 24 inclusive, Block 1; West 15 feet of Lot 21, and all of Lots 22 to 26 inclusive, South 30 feet of Lots 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, South 30 feet of West 15 feet of Lot 46, Block 2, all in Cypress Park, Volusia County. Statement is made that the city purchased these parcels in 1938 from an individual and the land has been used as a park since that time.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and authorize conveyance of the parcels to the City of Daytona Beach under provisions of Chapter 21684 of 1943.

J. Skolnick requests refund of \$11.40 representing payment for Lot 12 West of Railroad in Block 21½, Mason & Carswell's Map of Holly Hill, conveyed by Deed No. 3733. It has developed that Lot 12 west of the railroad does not exist and it is in order to make refund.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize refund in favor of Mr. Skolnick upon receipt of quitclaim deed from him to the state.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize disclaiming interest in certain Murphy Act certificates issued against land in Okaloosa and Volusia Counties as approved by the Attorney General's office, for the reason that the said certificates conveyed no title to the state.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliott
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 13, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The Attorney General's Office advised that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions heretofore selected certain lots for purchase, to become a part of the Capitol Center, among which is the following described parcel owned by Mrs. Beulah Dean Harding:

"Begin at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 32, Original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, thence run North 170 feet to a point, thence run East 60 feet to a point; thence run South 170 feet and thence run West 60 feet to the point of beginning, located in Leon County, Florida."

A price of \$10,500.00 was agreed upon for the purchase of the said lot, whereupon motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund purchase the lot at the price agreed upon—\$10,500.00—and upon receipt of deed and abstract, approved by the Attorney General's Office, warrant in said amount be drawn in favor of Beulah Dean Harding. It was so ordered.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
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Tallahassee, Florida

June 19, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Mr. Elliot presented for approval the minutes of the Trustees dated June 5, 1956, with information that copy has been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

The State Road Department makes application for two easements in Brevard County for widening State Road No. 5 across Elbow Creek and Eau Gallie River.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the Trustees authorize issuance of the two easements as requested by the State Road Department, said parcels being designated as:

1. That part of the submerged lands, river bottoms, shallow banks, islands and sand bars in Eau Gallie River extending from the south shore line to the north shore line and lying within 50 feet each side of the construction line of State Road No. 5, Sec. 7002-176;
 2. That part of the submerged lands, creeks, shallow banks, islands and sand bars in Elbow Creek extending from the west shore line and lying within 100 feet each side of the survey line for State Road No. 5, Sec. 7002-176.
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T. M. Beck offers \$1.00 per acre per annum for a five year grazing lease on 100 acres of Lake Okeechobee land lying between his upland property and the lake, in Section 28, Township 40 South, Range 32 East, Glades County.

Mr. Wells recommends the lease with a ninety-day (90) cancellation clause.

Motion was made by Mr. Mayo, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize five-year grazing lease in favor of Mr. Beck at the price offered with cancellation clause as recommended by Mr. Wells.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands adjoining upland property of applicants:

1. MANATEE COUNTY—C. L. McKaig, on behalf of Erwin Gremli II, offers the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre for 2.27 acres adjacent to their upland property in Section 27, Township 35 South, Range 17 East; and
C. L. McKaig, on behalf of Erwin Gremli and Mamie W. Gremli, offers the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre for 10.6 acres adjacent to their upland property in Section 27, Township 35 South, Range 17 East; and
C. L. McKaig, on behalf of Harvey C. and Ruth R. Church, offers the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre for 14.9 acres adjacent to their upland in Section 27, Township 35 South, Range 17 East.
2. MONROE COUNTY—Ralph E. Cunningham, Jr., on behalf of Stanley Switlick, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 for 5.4 acres in Section 10, Township 66 South, Range 32 East. On June 12, 1956, Mr. Wells recommended that this application be denied, but investigation has been made and he now recommends acceptance.
3. PINELLAS COUNTY—L. E. Wilson, on behalf of E. B. Melton, offers the appraised price of \$250.00 an acre for 1.72 acres adjacent to his upland property in Section 3, Township 29 South, Range 16 East. (Approved by Pinellas County Water and Navigation Control Authority.)
4. SARASOTA COUNTY—Kenneth E. Brown, on behalf of Robert N. Jennings, offers the appraised price of \$125.00 an acre for 4.01 acres adjacent to his upland in Section 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East. (Deed will require covenant for filling.)
5. SARASOTA COUNTY—John R. Wood, on behalf of Blanche Travis, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for .52 of an acre adjacent to her upland property in Section 20, Township 37 South, Range 18 East. (Deed will contain covenant with reference to filling.)

Motion was made, seconded and adopted that the Trustees authorize the five parcels of submerged land advertised for objections only, based on offers made by applicants.

William C. Grimes, on behalf of Bradenton Dredging and Shell Company, makes application for a five-year extension of Shell Lease No. 61 which expires June 1, 1956. The lease covers an area in the Manatee River.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of Lease No. 61 for a period of five years with minimum royalty payments of \$20.00 per month and the furnishing of \$1000.00 bonds.

Donald Walker, on behalf of Neva Joiner Norman, Trustee, offers \$100.00 for 0.103 of an acre of reclaimed lake bottom land on Lake Apopka, Section 14, Township 22 South, Range 27 East, Orange County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$100.00 for the parcel and authorize conveyance in favor of Neva Joiner Norman without advertising.

H. P. Panken, on behalf of the United States of America, makes application for a spoil easement over submerged and semi-submerged creek bottom land lying between the banks and below the ordinary high water mark of Rice Creek, in Sections 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 37, Township 9 South, Range 26 East, Putnam County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the United States over the area described.

The State Road Department makes application for a right of way easement across Hogtown Bayou on State Road S-393, Walton County. The area comprises submerged lands, sand bars, islands and other lands in Hogtown Bayou in that part of Government Lots 1 and 4, Section 22, and Government Lots 2 and 3, Section 23, all in Township 2 South, Range 20 West, Walton County, which lies within one hundred feet (100') each side of the lands described.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize easement in favor of the State Road Department across the property described, for use in connection with State Road No. S-393, Sec. 6053-152.

The United States of America makes application for renewal of Lease C2ca-1728-A, Civil Aeronautics Administration Low Frequency Airways Radio Station Site, Homestead, and offers \$50.00 annual rental. The land lies in Section 12, Township 57 South, Range 38 East, Dade County.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize renewal of lease as requested at the price offered—\$50.00 annually.

Mrs. Clara May Downey requests reduction in the appraised price of submerged land applied for by herself and others, immediately adjoining her property on Upper Matecumbe Key, Township 63 South, Range 37 East, Monroe County.

Mr. Wells reported that Messrs. Papy and Crawshaw appeared before the Trustees recently and protested the appraisal of \$600.00 an acre for this area; and he contacted the appraiser to ascertain whether or not he would reconsider the price fixed, but the appraiser declined to reduce his appraisal. Mr. Wells recommends that the appraisal be reduced to \$300.00 an acre for these applicants who own small parcels which they desire to fill and improve as their homes.

Motion was made by Mr. Ervin, seconded by Mr. Larson and adopted, that the Trustees reduce the appraised price to \$300.00 an acre for the submerged land applied for by Mrs. Downey and other applicants in the immediate vicinity, subject to advertisement for objections only.

Mr. Henry Lilienthal, Assistant County Attorney for Palm Beach County, and Mr. Kenneth P. Foster, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, were present with reference to a resolution adopted by the county urging that no more submerged lands be sold in Lake Worth and that no further filling be permitted. It was stated that the County Commissioners and most of the people in the county would like to have a bulkhead line established in Palm Beach County before any more permits are granted for filling in the lake; that other municipalities have been contacted and it is believed all are in accord for a bulkhead line and it is proposed to agree on the bulkhead line during the next ninety (90) days. The Trustees were urged to hold up all applications for that period.

Mr. Foster explained that the County Commissioners are trying to work with all interests and have arranged a meeting for Thursday, June 21, to try to work out an agreeable solution that will harm no one; they would like to invite Mr. Elliot and Mr. Wells to be present at this meeting, at which time it is hoped that the bulkhead line can be agreed upon.

Mr. Charles Fulton, attorney of West Palm Beach, on behalf of clients whose property is in the north section of Lake Worth, presented objections to the resolution adopted by the county for the reason that applications of his clients have already been held up for several months. He explained the procedure heretofore followed of making application to the U. S. Engineers for permit to do any filling planned, the necessity of securing approval of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, that notice of application for permit is sent to the county and city and that there is ample opportunity to control the filling by protesting the fill; that the U. S. Engineers Office never grants permit for filling and bulkheading without the knowledge and consent of the Trustees.

Mr. Fulton indicated on a map the ownership of his clients, the Port of Palm Beach and the Village of North Palm Beach. All these clients have plans for developing this area with high class improvements and the delay occasioned by the County Commissioners is paralyzing the program; all this area was sold with the understanding that it could be improved.

Mr. Wells suggested that when the bulkhead line is established, the county take into consideration sales heretofore made and recognize those areas.

Mr. Fulton referred to an application that has been pending for several months in reference to submerged areas in Lake Worth involving Maintenance Spoil Area L-15, and that he has been unable to get it closed out.

Mr. Elliot explained that this case has been approved and everything necessary has been done by the Trustees, which has taken some time, but it involved a maintenance spoil area held by the United States and making an alternate area available in lieu thereof, notice to upland owners adjacent to the proposed new area and ascertaining whether or not they would have any objection to such exchange. Everything has been worked out in so far as the Trustees are concerned.

Mr. Fulton presented a written memorandum to the Board of Commissioners of Palm Beach County from the Port of Palm Beach District and made reference to several items covered, closing with the opinion that neither the Port District nor the Board of County Commissioners should sponsor any further local legislation until the state-wide committees which have been appointed have completed their studies and make recommendations to the Legislature.

Mr. Fulton stated that his clients authorized him to say that they will meet with the county board on Thursday. He feels a bulkhead line can be established satisfactory to every one, but thinks it would be unwise for the Trustees to adopt a resolution on the subject before this meeting is held.

Members of the Trustees expressed the view that to establish a permanent bulkhead line will be in the best interest of the public; that it is the policy of the Trustees to cooperate with the boards of county commissioners and other public agencies in protecting the beaches and waterways of Florida; that should the ninety (90) days period be allowed there would be nothing to preclude any one during that period from submitting an application to the county, and if no objection is raised, the application will probably be approved. The Trustees have no intention of delegating its authority to any public agencies, although the state does look to the counties, municipalities and districts for recommendations and depends on them for advice in their respective localities. The Trustees understand the proposal from Palm Beach County is to allow the county time to initiate studies for fixing a permanent bulkhead line in Lake Worth and submit the same to the Trustees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees do not grant any further applications and that no filling or dredging rights be allowed in Lake Worth for a period of ninety (90) days from this date; that during this time it is expected that the county commissioners in cooperation and consultation with the cities which may be involved, the engineering department of the Trustees, and private land owners, evolve a recommended permanent bulkhead line which may be considered by the Trustees, and if approved, the line shall control future grants in that area.

The Trustees fixed this date for hearing Clyde H. Wilson, attorney of Sarasota, representing Mr. and Mrs. Fern Conway, in reference to protests filed in their behalf to sale of Charlotte County land March 13, 1956. This land was applied for by Earl Farr, on behalf

of Florida West Coast Land Company. Action on the subject was withheld and referred to the Attorney General.

Mr. Earl Farr, representing applicant to purchase, was also present and stated that two or three months ago a committee was appointed by the board to investigate this case and make recommendations. All matters and information should have been presented at that time. The Attorney General's office has made recommendation to the effect that the deed should be awarded to applicant and delivery withheld for thirty (30) days; that Mr. Wilson has had ample opportunity to present all his arguments before this time.

Mr. Wilson explained that his clients hold a Murphy Act deed dated in 1945 from the Trustees to the lands protested, but said deed is erroneous as it describes the land as being in Section 11 when it is actually in Section 2, but the original government meander lines show no land in Section 2. The Conways have lived on the land since that time and have spent several thousand dollars in improvements based on the Murphy Act deed. The point of beginning of the description was given as the Cattle Dock, and the Conways have affidavits that the land deeded to them and on which they have lived since 1945, is the old Cattle Dock site and could not be in Section 11. He also brought out that the land applied for by Mr. Farr's clients as submerged land could not include the Conway land as the natural growth shows that it is swamp and overflowed land and the Trustees had no title to convey to Mr. Farr's clients. Mr. Wilson contends that there can be no doubt that the land deeded under the Murphy Act to his clients is the same land as the cattle dock parcel; that the Conways have been paying taxes on the land described as being in Section 11 as demanded by the Tax Collector but the section is erroneous and he is asking for consideration as a hardship case; also that his clients have spent more in improving the Cattle Dock parcel containing 20 acres than is offered by Mr. Farr's clients for the entire 300 acres advertised for sale.

Mr. Farr contends that the land claimed by Mr. Wilson's clients has never been assessed for taxes and no Murphy Act deed issued to the land in Section 2. The land is described as being in Section 11 and they have made no attempt since 1945 to get it corrected. His clients have offered to compensate Mr. Conway for improvements on the land and all these matters were discussed with Mr. Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, who recommended that sale be confirmed in favor of applicant with deed to be held for thirty (30) days, allowing time for Mr. Conway to go into the courts if he desires.

Mr. Farr referred to investigation by an engineer of the Trustees, Mr. Rees Williams, who upon inquiry stated that he found the area covered with mangrove which does not grow except in salt water, that the maps show it flooded at high tide and his report was made that it was submerged land, and that his determination was based on maps and he did not go into the hardship part of it.

Mr. Wilson stated that a survey was completed last week showing the land to be 1½ feet below sea level; that there is evidence of trees

and pine stumps as well as the old cattle dock; that the Conways have their home on this land and maintain a fishing house there, and Mr. Farr's offer to reimburse them for the improvements made does not take into consideration the work they have done during the past ten (10) years.

Mr. Elliot stated that the tract occupied by the Conways was reported for taxes and tied in to the Cattle Dock; that the tax assessor thought it was in Section 11 and assessed it that way; that it is definitely tied to physical evidence which is the old Cattle Dock; that an affidavit from a former tax assessor referred to the cattle dock and stated that he was told it was in Section 11, and he was asked if he could definitely state of his own knowledge whether it was in Section 11 or Section 2. He stated he was not certain, but upon examination he identified the land as being in Section 2 and made affidavit to that effect. Another feature is that there appears to be land between the land in Section 3, west of Section 2 and the bay, that would not be classed as sovereignty as there is some pine and palmetto that would not grow in salt water. Those two points would support the holding valid of the Murphy Act deed. The Murphy Act deed could be corrected as to the error in description.

In discussing the subject, the Trustees did not feel that Mr. Conway's claim should be disregarded in the light of the Murphy Act deed, the improvements he has made, and his possession of the 20 acres for more than ten years. There is evidence that the section is erroneous; and from the physical evidence the old cattle dock is tied in with the land conveyed to Mr. Conway under the Murphy Act deed and it was suggested that a correction deed to the 20 acres should be given Mr. Conway.

Mr. Farr asked if the Trustees would approve conveyance of the remainder of the tract to his clients. Mr. Farr was asked whether or not his clients would agree not to litigate the title to the 20 acres claimed by Mr. Conway, in the event the decision is made to issue corrective Murphy Act deed to Mr. Conway and authorize conveyance of the remainder of the 300 acres to Mr. Farr's clients. Mr. Farr replied that he would have to take the matter up further with his clients.

Without objection it was ordered that the whole matter be held in abeyance until Mr. Farr has opportunity to confer with his clients as to elimination of the 20 acres covered by the Murphy Act deed to Fern and Beulah Conway and as to intention of Mr. Farr to litigate title to said 20 acres in event the Trustees convey to his clients the remainder of the 300 acres advertised for sale.

The United States, Department of the Navy, requests that the Trustees convey an area approximately one hundred (100) feet square located in the Gulf of Mexico, two and one-half (2½) miles off the coast southwesterly of Panama City, Florida. The Navy proposes to construct a platform 85 by 61 feet, elevated 40 feet above water, for the purpose of scientific investigations and studies related to temperature and pressure variations in the sea, salinity

and wave characteristics. A second platform will be constructed outside the state's maritime limits. Mr. Elliot stated that this area is about the center of petroleum lease No. 833 to Commonwealth Oil Company, partly assigned to Humble Oil and Refining Company and it will be necessary to secure release from said companies.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that request of the United States be granted conditioned upon the Navy Department securing release from the two oil companies holding lease No. 833.

Letter was presented from Robert Crawford for extension of time on Homestead Entry No. 12 T11F-S dated December 15, 1953—SE¼ of NE¼ of Section 14, Township 38 South, Range 30 East, Highlands County. It was explained that while some improvements have been made and about 20 acres cleared and chopped, other requirements have not been complied with.

Mr. Elliot suggested that since the homestead requirements have not been met, the entry be cancelled and Mr. Crawford be given opportunity to purchase the property in a manner similar to that followed in other like cases.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to grant an extension as requested, and that the entry be cancelled as of this date, with notice to Mr. Crawford that such action has been taken.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Rose Printing Company dated June 14, 1956 agreeing to pay rental on a three-year lease for the building occupied by said company, owned by the state, at the rate of \$13,333.32, or monthly rental of \$1,111.11.

Lease was ordered drawn for a period of three (3) years, commencing September 28, 1956, with provision for cancellation at any time by either party with notice of one year in advance of such cancellation.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees have the proper insurance taken out on the building occupied by Rose Printing Company for a term of five years with the State Fire Fund.

Letter was presented from John C. Gramling of Miami, Florida, to Attorney General Ervin, requesting that the United States Land Management Department be advised that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund does not claim certain islands in Monroe County that have been applied for by his clients.

It was explained that classification of certain of these islands in Monroe County was agreed upon at a meeting in Washington in January, and it was suggested that no further action be taken at this time.

Without objection it was so ordered.

Action was taken by the Trustees June 5, 1956, authorizing loan of \$300,000.00 to the City of Cocoa. Request is now made by the city for warrant in amount of \$100,000.00 as first installment on said loan.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Secretary be authorized to have warrant drawn in amount of \$100,000.00 in favor of the City of Cocoa, Florida, all of the necessary papers having been executed by the city and filed with the Trustees.

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The following action was taken June 12, 1956, by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions:

Re: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

The Coordinator stated to the Board that it had received letters signed by 33 members of the State Senate and 74 members of the House of Representatives requesting that provisions be made as soon as possible for construction of a Headquarters Building for the Department of Public Safety, for which \$375,000.00 was appropriated, regardless of the fact that this amount is insufficient for the building proposed, and suggested bonds be issued, if necessary, and the amount now being paid for rent be used to finance and liquidate an additional loan to complete the project.

Senator Wilson Carraway stated a majority of the Legislators urges the Board to proceed with construction of this building which is estimated will cost around \$125,000.00 or \$150,000.00 more than the amount appropriated; and that the Highway Patrol Retirement Fund could purchase the bonds to cover the difference in the appropriation and the amount required.

Representative John Hathaway stated he felt the petitions signed by a large percentage of the Legislators could be interpreted as authorization of the increased cost; that the Legislators feel that the rent being paid out by this department, in amount of \$15,294.00 per year, is being wasted; and that he would appreciate any consideration the Board will give these recommendations from the Legislature.

The Director of the Department of Public Safety stated the preliminary plans for the building will be completed within a week.

The Budget Director stated that one hindrance is that this building is listed in the Second Priority Section of the Appropriation Act, and that all First Priority Buildings are supposed to be contracted before the second Priority Buildings are begun.

Governor Collins stated possibly construction can be started now with the \$375,000.00 appropriated, and there would be no need for an additional sum before the next Legislature could appropriate same, or maybe funds of the Internal Improvement Board could be used and, after an additional appropriation is made, they could be reimbursed.

The Attorney General stated the appropriation made for this building cannot be expended until contracts for all First Priority Projects are let; that the building can be financed by Revenue Certificates, as in Capitol Center, and construction can proceed in that way.

Without objection the Board authorized the Construction Division to request the Architect to make final plans and specifications for a Headquarters Building for the Department of Public Safety in amount not exceeding \$500,000.00, and that the additional amount needed, \$125,000.00, be guaranteed from the Internal Improvement Fund, such fund to be reimbursed when appropriation is available for that purpose.

Also, the following action taken on this date by the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions:

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Re: FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS
PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC & SECURITY UNIT
ARCHITECT

The Board at its meeting today, with six members present including the Governor, authorized employment of an Architect for preparation of plans for the Psychiatric Clinic & Security Unit at Florida Industrial School for Boys, Marianna; payment for same to be guaranteed from the Internal Improvement Fund if, at the time the obligation becomes due, moneys for the Second Priority Projects have not been released. It was determined that the Internal Improvement Fund shall be reimbursed when moneys for the Second Priority Projects are released.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries and necessary and regular expenses be approved for payment:

F. C. Elliot, Engineer & Secretary	\$ 1000.00
H. G. Morton, Fiber Technologist	625.00
A. R. Williams, Assistant Engineer	568.75
A. C. Bridges, Auditor	490.00
C. L. Vocelle, Attorney	250.00
M. O. Barco, Secretary-Clerk	498.75
J. L. Dedge, Secretary-Clerk	437.50
H. R. Reeves, Stenographer	195.00
B. G. Shelfer, Clerk-Stenographer	321.67
S. Wells, Land Agent	391.66
C. M. Greene, Rental Agent	52.50
R. N. Landers, Maid	29.16
W. T. Wallis, Engineer	200.00
J. Edwin Larson, State Treasurer	
To Prin. State School Fund	18,787.23
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To State Board of Conservation	15,844.59
U. S. Geological Survey	125.00

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Ray E. Green, Comptroller—Travel Vouchers	8.20
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent—Expenses	147.50
H. G. Morton—Expenses	868.96
T. P. Kelly, Assistant Attorney General— Expenses	20.38
J. D. Moriarty, Assistant Attorney General— Expenses	19.45
Richard H. Hunt, Member State Land Use and Control Commission—Expenses	65.92
C. P. Mason, Member State Land Use and Control Commission—Expenses	75.60
J. T. Landon, Jacksonville, Fla.— Refund Lease 1029	500.00
City of Cocoa—Advance on \$300,000 Loan	100,000.00
Beulah Dean Harding, Tallahassee, Fla.— For property for Capitol Center	10,500.00
J. S. Mackery & wife—For property for Capitol Center	50,849.50
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Tallahassee, Fla. ...	3.97
Richard H. Hunt—Expenses for Control Comm. and in Burlingame Island Litigation	200.57
Frank J. Anderson, West Palm Beach—Appraisal	75.00
A. B. Fogarty, St. Petersburg—Appraisal	56.00
E. D. Keefer, Miami Beach—Appraisal	300.00
Elton Hall, Melbourne—Appraisal	25.00
J. E. Pierce, Daytona Beach—Appraisal	73.08
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota, Fla.—Appraisal	70.00
Ledger Publishing Co., Inc., Lakeland, Fla.—Adv. ...	13.80
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	59.80
The Miami Herald—Advertising	56.70
The Bradenton Herald—Advertising	16.10
The Coral Tribune, Key West, Fla.—Advertising	18.40
The Titusville Star-Advocate—Advertising	18.40
James E. Henderson, Sarasota, Fla.—Refund	121.00
Waterways Estates of New Smyrna Beach, Inc. Refund	14.18
Southeastern Telephone Co., Tallahassee	113.55
Geo. G. Crawford, CCC Leon County	10.00
Leon Blue Printing Co., Tallahassee	38.22
The Geo. D. Barnard Co., St. Louis, Mo.	75.22
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	336.00
Real Estate Appraisal Service—Sarasota	120.00
Fred L. Palmer, Sarasota—Appraisal	35.00
Frank J. Anderson, West Palm Beach—Appraisal	65.00
The Okeechobee News—Advertising	55.20
Standard Oil Co., Jacksonville	11.31
Shell Oil Co., Atlanta	14.86
Western Union Telegraph Co., Tallahassee	4.55
Capitol Office Equipment Co., Inc., Tallahassee ...	6.00
Rex Sweat, Sheriff Duval County	2.90
Treasurer of U. S., Washington D. C.	33.12
Carl G. Harding, Ft. Lauderdale—Appraisal	150.00

Harry M. McWhorter, Ft. Myers—Appraisal	100.00
Carl Gosbee, Ft. Pierce—Appraisal	125.00
The Lake County Citizen, Tavares—Advertising	13.80
The Palm Beach Post-Times—Advertising	32.50
Leon Blueprinting Co., Tallahassee	31.00
Haynes E. Williams, CCC Okeechobee County ..	2.10
The Coral Tribune, Key West—Advertising	41.40
DeLand Sun News—Advertising	16.10
News-Press Publishing Co., Ft. Myers—Adv.	47.15
The Miami Herald—Advertising	81.90
Sarasota Herald-Tribune—Advertising	35.65
The Bradenton Herald—Advertising	41.40
Levy County Journal, Bronson—Advertising	13.80
Eugene L. Barnes & Son, St. Augustine— Appraisal	25.00
Key West Board of Realtors—Appraisal	280.00
United States Post Office, Tallahassee	154.16
T. Coburn Moore, CCC Hendry County	1.50
Elton Hall, Melbourne, Fla.—Appraisal	200.00
The Coral Tribune, Key West—Advertising	82.80
The Tampa Morning Tribune—Advertising	91.35
The Florida Times Union, Jacksonville—Adv.	48.13
The Key West Citizen—Advertising	64.40
The Clearwater Sun—Advertising	23.77
Total.....	\$216,868.16

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Report No. 645 was presented listing 122 bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296, and Hillsborough County Deed No. 2544-Cor. to Lucy Gorsira for the purpose of correcting spelling of grantee's name.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as presented and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

DUVAL COUNTY—Request is made for reduction of base bid from \$135.00 to \$10.00 for advertising Lot 10, Block 79, Oceanside Park, applied for by I. S. Hudmon.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees decline to reduce the base bid and that price of \$150.00 be fixed for advertising the land for sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees disclaim interest in certain Murphy Act certificates that were certified to the state under the Murphy Act, the Attorney General's office having advised that said certificates vested no title in the state to the lands covered thereby.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Ervin and adopted, that the following salaries be approved for payment:

E. Hewitt, Clerk-Bookkeeper	\$449.58
M. C. Pichard, Clerk-Secretary	321.67
Total.....	<u>\$771.25</u>

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LERROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. ELLIOT
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida
June 26, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

F. C. Elliot, Engineer and Secretary
Sinclair Wells, Land Agent

Minutes of the Trustees dated June 12 and 13, 1956, were presented for approval, copies having been furnished each member.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the minutes as presented.

Mr. Wells presented the following sales advertised to be held on this date:

WALTON COUNTY—On May 1, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$20.00, which exceeds appraisal, from R. S. McKnight, Jr., for purchase of the S½ of SE¼ of Section 4, Township 1 North, Range 17 West, containing 79.94 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$20.00 an acre and notice of sale was published in the DeFuniak Springs Herald on May 17, 24, 31, June 7 and 14, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and Mr. Wells reported that he has received a bid of \$42.00 an acre from Harry Hausknecht of New York, N. Y., at which price bidding will start. Competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$50.00 an acre from R. S. McKnight, Jr., and Mrs. Clara Partin.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the high bid of \$50.00 an acre for Walton County land and confirm sale in favor of Mr. McKnight and Mrs. Partin.

VOLUSIA COUNTY—On May 1, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of the appraised price of \$225.00 an acre from E. William Gautier, on behalf of Hugh H. Oliver, for purchase of a parcel of submerged and semi-submerged land in the unplatted parts of Sections 16 and 17, Township 17 South, Range 34 East, containing 48.2 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections and competitive bids and notice of sale was published in the DeLand Sun News on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the Land Office records.

Description of the land was called out and competitive bidding resulted in a high bid of \$290.00 an acre being made by Mr. Gautier, on behalf of client. No objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$290.00 an acre and confirm sale in favor of Mr. Oliver.

MONROE COUNTY—On May 1, 1956, the Trustees considered offer of \$125.00 for the parcel, which exceeds appraisal, from G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Thomas Gordon, et ux., for purchase of a parcel of submerged land in Niles Channel in Section 36, Township 66 South, Range 28 East, and Section 1, Township 67 South, Range 28 East, lying adjacent to and southeasterly of Lots 16 and 17, Block 1 of Summerland Beach Addition No. 2, containing 0.41 of an acre, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Coral Tribune, Key West, Florida, on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer of \$125.00 for the parcel and confirm sale in favor of Thomas Gordon, et ux., the adjoining upland owners.

SARASOTA COUNTY—On May 1, 1956, the Trustees considered the appraised price of \$100.00 an acre from Frank L. Parker for purchase of two small parcels of submerged land in Lemon Bay in Sections 9 and 16, Township 40 South, Range 19 East, containing a total of 2.18 acres, more or less. The land was advertised for objections only and notice of sale was published in the Sarasota Herald on May 18, 25, June 1, 8 and 15, 1956, with sale to be held on this date. Copy of notice and proof of publication are filed in the records of the Land Office.

Description of the land was called out and no objections were filed to the sale.

Motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Mayo and adopted, that the Trustees accept the offer and confirm sale in favor of Frank L. Parker, the adjoining upland owner.

The following applications were presented for purchase of submerged lands adjacent to upland property of applicants:

Brevard County—Edward M. Poe, on behalf of Laura C. Poe, offers the appraised price of \$200.00 an acre for approximately 5 acres of submerged land in Section 34, Township 21 South, Range 35 East, and Section 3, Township 22 South, Range 35 East;

Collier County—Robert A. Scott, on behalf of Collier Development Corporation, offers the appraised price of \$7,312.00 for 72.75 acres of formerly submerged land in Sections 10, 11 and 15, Township 50 South, Range 25 East;

Monroe County—G. A. Crawshaw, on behalf of Mrs. Marie B. Callos, applies to purchase 0.92 of an acre adjacent to her upland property in Section 28, Township 63 South, Range 37 East. The Trustees have been accepting \$300.00 an acre for property in that area.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees authorize advertised for objections only the submerged parcels applied for, located in Brevard, Collier and Monroe Counties, based on the prices offered and suggested.

Mrs. Esther Draughon offers \$35.00 per lot for Lots 13 to 20 inclusive, Block 9, and Lots 1, 3, 4 and 13 to 20 inclusive, Block 12, Southwest Addition, Okeechobee County, lying and being in Sections 16 and 21, Township 37 South, Range 35 East, Okeechobee. Offer is in excess of the appraised price.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize the land advertised for competitive bids with a starting offer of \$35.00 per lot.

The following applications were presented from adjoining upland owners for purchase of reclaimed lake bottom land in Lake Conway, Orange County:

John G. Baker, on behalf of Mrs. Henry LeDuc, applies for 0.36 of an acre in Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. Recommend sale based on a price of \$300.00 an acre, or not less than \$100.00 for any parcel;

Chauncey A. Boyer, on behalf of James M. Partin, applies for 11.07 acres in Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 30 East. Recommend sale at \$300.00 an acre.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees authorize sale in favor of Mrs. LeDuc and Mr. Partin at the price recommended, without advertisement.

St. Augustine Port, Waterway and Beach Commission requests perpetual right of way easement covering all of the submerged, semi-submerged and river bottom lands, together with an island formed through natural accretion, all lying between the banks and below the ordinary high water mark of San Sebastian River, St. Augustine, Florida, in St. Johns County, extending westerly along said river from its junction with the Intracoastal Waterway channel in Matanzas River, to U. S. Highway No. 1 bridge across said San Sebastian River.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees grant request of St. Augustine Port, Waterway and Beach Commission and authorize execution of easement covering the area described.

Marion County Chamber of Commerce presents a certified copy of a resolution adopted by them June 15, 1956, in which it is requested that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund make a public statement that the action taken by them in the filing of a suit with reference to title to Goat Island in Duval County, is in no way intended to discredit the Cross-Florida Barge Canal as a project, nor the Ship Canal Authority in the legal pursuit of its purposes.

Without objection the request was ordered filed.

Mr. Elliot presented letter from Judge Richard H. Hunt in which he questions the authority of the Trustees to convey certain submerged lands on the ocean side of Ragged Keys, adjoining upland property of applicants to purchase. Application to purchase these parcels was submitted by James W. Moore. Judge Hunt submits a brief on this subject with his views as to authority of the state to convey the lands.

Attorney General Ervin explained that Judge Hunt brings out two points: (1) that with reference to Palm Beach and Dade Counties the Trustees do not have the right to sell shallow banks, sand bars, etc., unless separated by a channel 5 feet deep at high tide, and (2) that the Butler Act does not apply to the open sea as it applies only to streams, bays and harbors; that he did not discuss Section 253.04 which gives the Trustees management of sovereignty tidal lands.

It was suggested that the Trustees might go forward with the sale to Mr. Moore's clients, provided the proposed right of way has been settled and objections withdrawn by the county, and a test suit could be filed should Judge Hunt lodge something more than a protest.

After discussion of the subject, motion was made, seconded and adopted, that Mr. Elliot write Judge Hunt and thank him for his memorandum brief on the subject and call attention to authority

under Section 253.03 to grant rights on the foreshore of the open sea for filling low areas.

Attorney General Ervin submitted telegram from F. S. Parrish, Mayor of Pahokee, requesting that the Trustees not revert the \$8000.00 balance of the \$200,000.00 loan to the Fund until the city has opportunity to submit a list of much needed items overlooked until this time in connection with the breakwater.

Without objection it was agreed to hold this matter in abeyance until request has been received from the City of Pahokee.

Mr. Elliot reported that on September 6, 1955, the Trustees authorized loan of \$90,000.00 to Lake Apopka Recreation, Water Conservation and Control Authority. The loan was not completed and the Authority now asks that in lieu of the \$90,000.00 loan, the Trustees make a loan of \$30,000.00.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees withdraw the action to make a loan of \$90,000.00 and authorize loan in amount of \$30,000.00, subject to execution of the necessary instruments required.

Senator William R. Neblett presented to the Trustees a question of title to certain land in the City of Key West bounded on the north by Flagler Avenue, on the west by Bertha Street, and on the east and south by Roosevelt Boulevard. Some question has been raised as to whether or not the state might have some claim to a portion of this land, one area being the Key West International Airport which is being constructed at a cost of close to one million dollars. The subject has been discussed with Mr. Fred Burns, Assistant Attorney General, and Mr. Fred Elliot, but all phases of the question have not been studied yet. There is a question of whether a disclaimer from the Trustees would be effective, and since there is probably not sufficient evidence to bring it before the Trustees, Senator Neblett asks that the question be referred to the Attorney General's office and Mr. Elliot to make a study of the situation.

Mr. Elliot suggested that the records be traced to ascertain what area was intended to be under the old Spanish Grant. If part of the area was not granted the state holds title, and if so the Trustees might execute a disclaimer of title depending upon the statutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Attorney General's office and Mr. Elliot undertake to make a study and research on this subject and report to the board within a month if possible.

Mr. Elliot submitted budget of the Trustees of Internal Improvement Fund for the fiscal year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957, and called attention to an item included in the budget providing for \$20,000.00 for additional employees.

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the budget as submitted by Mr. Elliot, including the \$20,000.00 for additional employees.

Mr. Elliot reported that the budget has also been filed with the Budget Commission.

Mr. Elliot furnished information as to the increase in business of the Trustees over the past several years, the receipts for 1956—\$3,330,000.00—being nearly six times as great as in 1952, which was \$518,000.00, and nearly three times as much as in 1955, which was \$1,290,000.00; that with the increase shown there has been no increase in the staff of the Trustees during that period, but the Land Office and the Secretary's Office are both needing additional employees to carry on the work.

Mr. Elliot reported that the State Land Use and Control Commission held a meeting in Tallahassee June 19, 1956, at which time they agreed on a budget for said commission for the six-month period from July 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957, as follows:

Salaries	\$12,000.00
Necessary and regular expenses, including per diem and travel of the Commission and employees	7,000.00
Equipment, supplies and incidentals	2,000.00
TOTAL	\$21,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Green and adopted, that the Trustees approve the budget submitted from the State Land Use and Control Commission and certify said amount to the Budget Commission for action.

SUBJECTS UNDER CHAPTER 18296

Mr. Elliot presented Report No. 646 listing 47 bids for sale of land under Chapter 18296.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve the report as presented and authorize execution of deeds corresponding thereto.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

RICHARD W. ERVIN
Attorney General—Acting Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

June 27, 1956

The Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund met on this date in the Board Room, offices of the Governor, at the Capitol.

Present: LeRoy Collins, Governor
Ray E. Green, Comptroller
J. Edwin Larson, Treasurer
Richard W. Ervin, Attorney General
Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture

The Attorney General's Office advised that the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions having heretofore selected certain lots for purchase by the state to become a part of the Capitol Center, and appraisals on certain lots having been received, his office is now ready to close sales on the following described property:

Lots 127, 128, 133 and 134; the East ten (10) feet of Lots 129 and 132, all in the Original Plan of the City of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida,

Excepting the following described tract:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Lot 134 and run North along the East boundary line of said Lot 134 a distance of seventy-two (72) feet; thence West a distance of 132 feet; thence South a distance of 72 feet; thence East a distance of 132 feet to the point of beginning.

The total purchase price of said lots is \$50,849.50 and warrant is requested in that amount made payable to the owners of said lots, J. S. Mackery and Mamie Lee Mackery, his wife.

Motion was made, seconded and adopted, that the Trustees approve purchase of the above described lots at the price agreed upon, and that warrant in amount of \$50,849.50 be authorized drawn in favor of J. S. Mackery and Mamie Lee Mackery.

Upon motion duly adopted, the Trustees adjourned.

LEROY COLLINS
Governor—Chairman

Attest: F. C. Elliot
Secretary

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JULY 1, 1954 TO JUNE 30, 1956

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand July 1, 1954.....		\$ 232,733.26
Bonds Redeemed	\$500,949.00	
Bonds Sold	<u>346,000.00</u>	\$ 846,949.00
Land Sales:		
Payments on Contracts.....	983,674.88	
Cash Sales	<u>567,934.94</u>	1,551,609.82
Payment on Loans.....		10,695.00
Payments on Taxes Receivable...		3,139.34
Lease Rentals		2,054,347.03
Royalty from Oil Well.....		3,595.04
Accrued Interest—Bond		
Purchases		16,621.15
Interest Income:		
Interest on Past Due Accounts	1,490.23	
Interest on Bonds	<u>142,593.45</u>	144,083.68
Refunds of Expenses.....		5,173.27
Miscellaneous Income		<u>7,303.49</u>
 Total Receipts for the Period.....		 <u>4,644,116.82</u>
Total Brought Forward and Receipts		<u><u>\$4,876,850.08</u></u>

TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JULY 1, 1954 TO JUNE 30, 1956

DISBURSEMENTS

Capital Accounts:

Bonds Purchased	\$2,093,419.90	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,295.90	
Acquisition of Land for Re- sale	62.50	
Acquisition of Land in Cap- itol Center	568,232.83	\$2,663,011.13

Loans:

State Board of Administra- tion for Account of Inter- American Center Author- ity	150,000.00	
City of Pahokee, Fla.....	191,480.09	
U. S. Department of the Interior	10,695.00	
Oklawaha Basin Recreation and Water Conservation Control Authority	125,000.00	
City of Cocoa, Fla.....	100,000.00	577,175.09

**Accrued Interest—Bond Pur-
chases**

15,754.25

Operating Expenses:

Salaries	114,410.66	
Expenses	52,620.39	167,031.05

Non-Operating Expenses:

Drainage Taxes	55,198.68	
Principal of State School Fund	797,874.19	
General Revenue — Murphy Act	409.06	
General Revenue 3%.....	109,488.56	
U. S. Geological Survey Co- operative Account	18,675.00	
State Geological Survey.....	7,300.00	
Repairs to Supreme Court Building	30,000.00	
West Coast Inland Naviga- tion District	1,500.00	
Appraisal of Land in Cap- itol Center	7,500.00	
Cooperative Work — Lake Miccosukee	6,000.00	
State Board of Conservation	205,730.89	
Board of Commissioners of State Institutions	32,414.86	
Refunds of Revenue.....	15,858.04	1,287,949.28

**Total Disbursements for the
Period**

\$4,710,920.80

Cash on Hand June 30, 1956

165,929.28

\$4,876,850.08

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
UNDER CHAPTER 18296 ACTS OF 1937
JULY 1, 1954 TO JUNE 30, 1956**

RECEIPTS

Cash Land Sales and Miscellaneous Receipts.....	\$229,546.19
	\$229,546.19

DISBURSEMENTS

All Receipts Deposited to General Revenue Fund Under Chapter 25068 Acts of 1949.....	\$229,546.19
	\$229,546.19

Operating Expenses

Paid from General Revenue Fund

Salaries	\$ 18,059.76
Expenses	2,361.75
	\$ 20,421.51

Non-Operating Expenses

Paid From General Revenue Fund

Refunds of Revenue.....	\$ 202.50
	\$ 202.50

**TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
UNDER UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
COOPERATIVE ACCOUNT
JULY 1, 1954 TO JUNE 30, 1956**

RECEIPTS

Contributions from Counties and Local Units.....	\$ 10,200.00
Contributions from Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund	18,675.00
	\$ 28,875.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Cost of Work Performed by United States Geological Survey

Engineers	\$ 28,875.00
	\$ 28,875.00

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